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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton listens to questions during a campaign stop in Nashua, N.H. The State Department is releasing fewer-than-expected numbers of Hillary Rodham Clinton's emails. (AP Photo/Jim Cole)

Dozens of Clinton Emails Censored for Security Reasons

LISA LERER
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Dozens of emails that traversed Hillary Clinton's private, un-secure home server contain national security information are now deemed too sensitive to make pub-

lic, according to the latest batch of records released Friday. In 2,206 pages of emails, the government censored passages to protect national security at least 64 times in 37 messages. Clinton has said she never sent classified infor-

mation from her private email server, which The Associated Press was first to identify as operating in her home in New York. The Friday release brings the volume of emails publicly released by the State Department to roughly 12

percent of the 55,000 pages Clinton had turned over to department lawyers earlier this year. Clinton's decision not to use a State Department email account has become a political problem for her, as Republicans seize on the disclo-

tures to paint her as untrustworthy and willing to break rules for personal gain. There is also the matter of the classified information that found its way onto her insecure email system.

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Experimental Ebola vaccine could stop virus in Africa

MARIA CHENG
AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — An experimental Ebola vaccine tested on thousands of people in Guinea seems to work and might help shut down the waning epidemic in West Africa, according to interim results from a study published Friday.

There is currently no licensed treatment or vaccine for Ebola, which has so far killed more than 11,000 people in West Africa since the world's biggest outbreak began in the forest region of Guinea last year. Cases have dropped dramatically in recent months in the other two hard-hit countries, Sierra Leone and Liberia.

"If proven effective, this is going to be a game-changer," said Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization, which sponsored the study. "It will change the management of the current outbreak and future outbreaks."

Scientists have struggled for years to develop Ebola treatments and vaccines but have faced numerous hurdles, including the sporadic nature of outbreaks and funding shortages. Many past attempts have failed, including a recently abandoned drug being tested in West Africa by Tekmira Pharmaceuticals. The study involved several thousand people who had been near a new Ebola

patient or a close contact of one. They were randomly assigned to get the vaccine right away or in three weeks.

Researchers started tracking results 10 days after

by the Canadian government, has since been licensed to Merck & Co. but has not yet been approved by regulators. The study results were published online Friday in the

testing in Sierra Leone, and in mid-stage testing in Liberia.

Merck will manufacture the vaccine if it's approved for use outside patient studies. In late-morning trading in



In this March, 2015 photo, a health worker cleans a man's arm before injecting him with a Ebola vaccine in Conakry, Guinea. An experimental vaccine tested on thousands of people in Guinea exposed to Ebola seems to work and might help shut down the ongoing epidemic in West Africa, according to interim results from a study published Friday, July 31, 2015.

(AP Photo/ Youssouf Bah)

they set up the groups to give time to weed out any people who might have been silently harboring the virus when the study began.

After that point, none of the people in the group that had been assigned to get the vaccine right away developed Ebola, versus 16 people in the group eligible to get the vaccine after 21 days.

The vaccine, developed

journal Lancet.

At the moment, officials think the vaccine would only be used once an outbreak starts, to protect those at high-risk; there are no plans to introduce mass vaccination campaigns like those for measles or polio or to create huge stockpiles of the shots.

Merck, based in Kenilworth, New Jersey, noted its vaccine is in what is normally the final round of human

the U.S., Merck shares were up 62 cents, or 1.1 percent, at \$59.13. Last December, Gavi, the vaccine alliance, said it would spend up to \$300 million buying approved Ebola vaccines. The private-public partnership, which often buys immunizations for poor countries, said Friday that it "stands ready to support the implementation of a WHO-recommended Ebola vaccine." □

India, Bangladesh settle decades-old boundary dispute

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Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — India said Friday it swapped more than 150 small pockets of land with its small neighbor Bangladesh, settling a decades-old border dispute and an uncertain future for tens of thousands of stateless people living in squalid conditions.

Television images showed people bursting firecrackers and raising an Indian flag in Masaldanga enclave which became part of India at midnight Friday. India's External Affairs Ministry in a statement described July 31 as a historic day for both India and Bangladesh as "it marks the resolution of a complex issue that has lingered since independence" from British colonialists in 1947.

Nearly 37,000 people lived in 111 Indian enclaves inside Bangladesh, while 14,000 lived in 51 Bangladeshi enclaves in India. These people are getting citizenship of their choice.

The boundary agreement between the two countries took effect at midnight Friday. Relations between India and its smaller neighbor Bangladesh have significantly improved since Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina promised that her administration would not allow India's separatist insurgents touse the porous 4,000-kilometer (2,500 mile) border to carry out raids in India.

Aided by India, Bangladesh gained independence from Pakistan following a bloody nine-month war in 1971. The boundary dispute has been lingering since British colonialists carved Pakistan out of India in 1947 and granted independence to the two countries.

None from Bangladeshi enclaves within India opted for Bangladesh, while 979 people from Indian enclaves living inside Bangladesh applied for Indian citizenship, said Akhteruzzaman Azad, chief government administrator at Kurigram district in Bangladesh. □

Zimbabwe: US lion killer's extradition being sought

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Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)

— Zimbabwe will seek the extradition of an American dentist who killed a lion that was lured out of a national park and caused international outrage, a Cabinet minister said Friday.

In the Zimbabwean government's first official comment on the killing of Cecil the lion, the environment, water and climate minister lashed out at Walter James Palmer, accusing him even of trying to hurt Zimbabwe's image.

"Unfortunately it was too

late to apprehend the foreign poacher as he had already absconded to his country of origin," Oppah Muchinguri told a news conference. "We are appealing to the responsible authorities for his extradition to Zimbabwe so that he be made accountable."

On Tuesday, Palmer issued a statement saying he relied on his guides to ensure the hunt was legal. Two Zimbabweans — a professional hunter and a farm owner — have been arrested in the killing of the lion, an act which has

garnered worldwide condemnation. Palmer has kept a low profile, but on Friday U.S. federal wildlife authorities said they have been contacted by a representative of the Minnesota dentist.

The killing of Cecil gained global attention as the U.N. General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution Thursday aimed at combatting illegal wildlife trafficking and poaching, the culmination of a two-year campaign led by Gabon and Germany.

"We very much welcome the decision by the Gen-

eral Assembly which will help in the protection of wildlife, of fauna and flora," Stephane Dujarric, the spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said.

Palmer is believed to have shot the lion with a bow on July 1 outside Hwange National Park, after it was lured onto private land with a carcass of an animal laid out on a car, Zimbabwean conservationists have said. Some 40 hours later, the wounded cat was tracked down and Palmer allegedly killed it with a gun, they said. □

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Memos sent by the inspector general of the intelligence community alerted the FBI to a potential security violation arising from Clinton's use of a private server located in her home. The inspector general said his office has found four emails containing classified information while reviewing a limited sample of 40 of the emails provided by Clinton. Those four messages were not marked as classified but should have been handled as such because they contained classified information at the time they were sent, the inspector general said. Clinton has repeatedly defended her email usage, saying her private server had "numerous safeguards" and placing responsibility for releasing the documents on the State Department.

There were no obviously stunning revelations in the emails released Friday, which reflected the workadaybusiness of government. Some of the documents could reflect favorably on Clinton, such as a message in August 2009 about a 10-year-old Yemeni girl who had been married and divorced, and had been portrayed as unhappy in a CNN story.

"Is there any way we can help her? Could we get her to the US for counseling and education?" Clinton asked an aide, who began making calls. Others could be controversial, such as 2009 messages from former national security adviser Sandy Berger

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks before the National Urban League, Friday, July 31, 2015, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The State Department is releasing fewer-than-expected numbers of Hillary Rodham Clinton's emails. It says the process is slower because of intense scrutiny by U.S. intelligence agencies to ensure that emails from her private server don't contain any sensitive or classified government secrets.

(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

about how to pressure Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over negotiations with Palestinians. Among Clinton's exchanges now censored as classified by the State Department was a brief exchange in October 2009 between her and Jeffrey D. Feltman, then Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Clinton emailed Feltman about an "Egyptian proposal" for separate signings of a reconciliation deal with Hamas after the militant organization balked at attending a unity ceremony. Both Clinton's email and Feltman's response are marked B-1 for "classified" and completely censored from the email release.

Earlier this year, a district court judge mandated that the agency release batches of Clinton's private correspondence from her time as secretary of state every 30 days starting June 30.

The regular releases of Clinton's correspondence all but guarantee a slow drip of revelations from the emails throughout the Democratic presidential primary campaign, complicating her efforts to put the issue to rest. □



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UN nuclear chief to talk to Senate critics of Iran nuke deal

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VIENNA (AP) — U.S. Senators who accuse the Obama administration of making secret deals with Iran that go beyond the publicly known nuclear pact will get a chance next week to question the head of the U.N. agency said to be linked to the alleged clandestine documents.

The announcement Friday of Yukiya Amano's trip to Washington did not mention the dispute. The International Atomic Energy Agency said only that Amano will meet members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Wednesday to "discuss the IAEA's role in verifying and monitoring nuclear-related measures" under the July 14 deal. But senators are sure to grill Amano on the alleged



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. McConnell reiterated his demand this week that the Obama administration turn over documents related to agreements between the IAEA and Iran that he described as "side agreements." (AP Photo/Molly Riley)

side deals, as the trip coincides with furious lobbying between opponents and supporters of the pact during a 60-day congressional review. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, reiterated his demand Thursday that the Obama administration turn over documents related to agreements between the IAEA and Iran that he described as "side agreements." Secretary of State

John Kerry has said there are none, and Amano's agency speaks of a normal procedure in keeping confidential the technical nuts and bolts of monitoring agreements between the IAEA and individual countries. Amano's trip comes amid Iranian accusations that Washington is violating the deal by suggesting that the enhanced IAEA surveillance would bring the benefit of making any

potential attack on Tehran's atomic program more potent. Reza Najafi, the IAEA's chief Iranian delegate, quoted White House spokesman Josh Earnest as saying that would result in more pinpointed U.S. or Israeli military action against Iran — if needed — "because we'd been spending the intervening number of years gathering significantly more detail about Iran's nuclear program." □

US panel clears lawmakers in Azerbaijan trip

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Ethics Committee said Friday it found no evidence of wrongdoing by a bipartisan group of lawmakers who went on a 2013 trip to Azerbaijan paid for by that country's government. Lawmakers obtained prior approval for the trip from the ethics panel "in good faith" and did not know that

two groups that claimed to sponsor the trip had apparently lied about the true source of their funding, the ethics panel said. "When a House member ... seeks and receives advance written permission to accept a gift" such as travel, "that permission acts a shield to protect the individual from future action by this committee," the ethics panel said in a 28-page report. The panel said

it issued 12 subpoenas and reviewed 190,000 pages of materials during its investigation, but was hampered by a lack of cooperation from key witnesses, including the Houston business executive who organized the trip. Two Houston-based nonprofit corporations had reported to the ethics panel that they were sponsoring the May 2013 conference in the capital city of Baku, near the Caspian Sea. □

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In speech to rights group, Bush touts record in Florida

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida

(AP) — Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush ventured into historically Democratic territory on Friday to tell a predominantly-African American audience that decades-long efforts to fight poverty are failing, while Hillary Rodham Clinton issued a call for action to address racial inequality.

Bush is one of two Republican presidential candidates who accepted an invitation to address the annual conference of the National Urban League,

one of the largest U.S. civil rights organizations.

"For a half-century, this nation has pursued a 'war on poverty' and massive government programs, funded with trillions of taxpayer dollars," Bush told the gathering. "This decades-long effort, while well intentioned, has been a losing one."

Also due to speak at the meeting Friday in Fort Lauderdale were Republican candidate Ben Carson, an African-American. The conference marks the first time in the 2016 presidential race that Clinton and Bush are set to appear at



Republican presidential candidate, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, speaks at a small business town hall meeting, Monday, July 27, 2015, in Longwood, Fla.

(AP Photo/John Raoux)

the same event. Bush and other Republicans are grappling with a demographic challenge. As the American electorate has rapidly become more diverse, Republicans still rely on an overwhelmingly white base of voters, especially during primary races dominated by conservative activists.

Republican presidential candidates, consequently, have fared poorly among minorities in the past two elections. In the 2012 presi-

dential election, according to exit polls conducted for AP and television networks, 93 percent of blacks and 71 percent of Hispanics voted to re-elect President Barack Obama. In 2008, Obama won the vote of 95 percent of blacks and 67 percent of Hispanics.

Within moments of taking the stage, Clinton reminded the crowd of the federal government's poor response to Hurricane Katrina a decade ago under President George W. Bush. She

also lamented the deaths of unarmed African-Americans in police custody, and ticked off statistics on African Americans receiving disproportionately longer sentences. African-Americans are three times more likely to be denied a mortgage loan than people who are white, she said.

"Race still plays a significant role in determining who gets ahead in America and who gets left behind," Clinton said. "And yes, while that's partly a legacy of discrimination that stretches back to the start of our nation, it is also because of discrimination that is still ongoing."

Clinton told the audience she has fought to tear down those barriers since her first job out of law school, with the Children's Defense Fund. She said she fought for children's health insurance as first lady and spoke out on issues of economic equality for women. □

In swing state Florida, Clinton calls for Cuba embargo's end

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Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton on Friday called on Congress to end the trade embargo the U.S. has imposed on Cuba since 1962, drawing a sharp distinction with her main Republican rivals in Florida.

The Democratic presidential favorite said an open economic relationship would do more to bring "dignity and democracy" to the island nation than continuing the hardline isolationism that lasted through five decades of Republican and Democratic administrations, including her husband's two terms.

President Barack Obama has normalized diplomatic relations with Cuba and has called for the Republican-led Congress to lift the economic embargo, as well.

Clinton acknowledged

that she previously supported sanctions in Cuba, but she told an auditorium of students, faculty and others at Florida International University that she changed her views during four years as Obama's secretary of state. During that time, there also has been a softening of public opinion among the million-plus Cuban-Americans who hold considerable sway in Florida voting.

Clinton accused Republican presidential candidates — without calling them by name — of approaching Cuba and Latin America "through a Cold War prism."

"They have it backwards: Engagement is not a gift to the Castros; it's a threat to the Castros," Clinton said. "An American embassy in Havana isn't a concession; it's a beacon. Lifting the embargo doesn't set back freedom; it advances freedom." □



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Not guilty plea in court for US church shooting suspect



Dylann Roof appears at a court hearing in Charleston, S.C. Roof wants to plead guilty to over 30 federal charges, but his lawyer said in court Friday that he couldn't advise his client to do so until prosecutors say whether they'll seek the death penalty.

(Grace Beahm/The Post and Courier via AP, Pool)

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Associated Press

CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP) — The white man accused of gunning down nine parishioners at a black church in South Carolina last month wants to plead guilty to over 30 federal charges, but his lawyer said in court Friday that he couldn't advise his client to do so until prosecutors say whether they'll seek the death penalty. During a brief arraignment

in federal court, defense attorney David Bruck said that he couldn't counsel his client, Dylann Roof, to enter a guilty plea without knowing the government's intentions. U.S. Magistrate Judge Bristow Marchant then entered a not guilty plea for Roof, 21, who faces 33 federal charges including hate crimes, weapons charges and obstructing the practice of religion. Appearing in court in a gray striped prison jump-

suit, his hands in shackles, Roof answered yes several times in response to the judge's questions but otherwise didn't speak. "Mr. Roof has told us that he wishes to plead guilty," Bruck said. "Until we know whether the government will be seeking the death penalty, we are not able to advise Mr. Roof." The federal prosecution, particularly on hate crimes, has been expected since the June 17 shootings at Emanuel African Method-

ist Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Early on, officials with the U.S. Department of Justice said they felt the case met the qualifications for a hate crime, and Roof was indicted by a federal grand jury about a month after the killings. Roof appeared in photos waving Confederate flags and burning and desecrating U.S. flags. Federal authorities have confirmed his use of a personal manuscript in which he decried integration and used racial slurs to refer to blacks. The massacre at the church shocked the United States and set off a nationwide conversation about race relations and gun control. Because South Carolina has no state hate-crimes law, federal charges were needed to adequately address a motive that prosecutors believe was unquestionably rooted in racial hate, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said during a news conference announcing Roof's federal indictment. Eighteen of the 33 charges against Roof could potentially carry the death pen-

alty, while conviction on each of the others could mean a life prison sentence. Each charge also carries the possibility of hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines. Also during Friday's hearing, Marchant accepted Roof's application as an indigent defendant — meaning the state will pay for his attorneys. Marchant also heard briefly from victims' family members, who at Roof's bond hearing in state court expressed statements of mercy and forgiveness despite his alleged crimes. On Friday, several relatives made similar comments in federal court. "We don't hold no ill will," Leroy Singleton, brother of slain Myra Thompson, said tearfully. "We're going to let the system work it out." Gracyn Doctor, daughter of another victim, DePayne Middleton Doctor, said she misses her mother greatly but wouldn't let Roof get the better of her. "Even though he has taken the most precious thing in my life, he will not take my joy," Doctor told the judge. □

Killings in Baltimore soar to a level unseen in 43 years

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Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore reached a grim milestone on Friday, three months after riots erupted in response to the death of Freddie Gray in police custody: With 45 homicides in July, the highest monthly murder rate in 43 years. Police reported three deaths — two men shot Thursday and one on Friday. The men died at local hospitals. With their deaths, this year's

homicides reached 189, far outpacing the 119 killings by July's end in 2014. Nonfatal shootings have soared to 366, compared to 200 by the same date last year. July's total was the worst since the city recorded 45 killings in August 1972, according to The Baltimore Sun. The seemingly Sisyphean task of containing the city's violence prompted Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake to fire her police commissioner, Anthony Batts, on

July 8. "Too many continue to die on our streets," Rawlings-Blake said then. "Families are tired of dealing with this pain, and so am I. Recent events have placed an intense focus on our police leadership, distracting many from what needs to be our main focus: the fight against crime." But the killings have not abated under Interim Commissioner Kevin Davis since then. Baltimore is not unique in its suffering; crimes are spik-

ing in big cities around the country. But while the city's police are closing cases — Davis announced arrests in three recent murders several days ago — the violence is outpacing their efforts. Davis said Tuesday the "clearance rate" is at 36.6 percent, far lower than the department's mid-40s average. Crime experts and residents of Baltimore's most dangerous neighborhoods cite a confluence of fac-

tors: mistrust of the police; generalized anger and hopelessness over a lack of opportunities for young black men; and competition among dealers of illegal drugs, bolstered by the looting of prescription pills from pharmacies during the riot. Federal drug enforcement agents said gangs targeted 32 pharmacies in the city, taking roughly 300,000 doses of opiates, as the riots caused \$9 million in property damage in the city. □

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Escaped inmate suspected in killing is captured after chase

KITTANNING, Pennsylvania (AP) — An escaped inmate suspected of strangling an acquaintance and stealing a gun and two trucks while on the run led police in the U.S. state of Pennsylvania on a chase and rammed a cruiser before being captured Friday, authorities said.

State police took Robert Crissman into custody about 26 hours after authorities said he walked away from a work-release program at a jail about 40 miles (65 kilometers) north-east of Pittsburgh, where he was serving time for a probation violation. The body of Tammy Long,

55, was discovered Thursday at a home about a mile (1.6 kilometers) away from the jail in Kittanning. A coroner said Friday she was strangled and suffered blunt force trauma to the head. Armstrong County District Attorney Scott Andreassi called Long's death an "incredible tragedy."

He said Crissman's quick capture was a testament to good police work and strong cooperation from the public. Police were alerted to Crissman's location at about 7:30 a.m. Friday by a 911 caller who said he knocked on her door seeking help, Andreassi said. The woman

recognized Crissman from news coverage of the escape and refused to let him in. Crissman, 38, fled in a stolen truck as police converged on the Boggs Township home, leading a chase before he rammed the back of a state police cruiser and lost control of the truck, Andreassi said. □

Search for US teens missing at sea to be suspended

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Associated Press**

OPA-LOCKA, Florida (AP) — After hundreds of rescue workers fanned out across a massive swath of the Atlantic for a full week, the U.S. Coast Guard's search for two teenage fishermen was to end Friday, a heart-rending decision for families so convinced the boys could be alive they're pressing on with their own hunt. Even as officials announced at noon that the formal search-and-rescue effort would end at sundown, private planes and boats were preparing to keep scouring the water hoping for clues on what happened to the 14-year-old neighbors, Perry Cohen and Austin Stephanos. Capt. Mark Fedor called the decision to suspend the search "excruciating

and gut-wrenching." He suggested what long had been feared by observers — that the boys had surpassed any reasonable period of survivability — with his offering of "heart-felt condolences." "I know no statistics will ease the pain," he said in recounting the seven-day, nearly 50,000-square-nautical-mile (129,500-sq. kilometer) search. "We were desperate to find Austin and Perry."

With volunteers ready to keep searching all along the coastline and about \$340,000 in search-fund donations by Friday evening, the families promised to keep looking for their sons.

Nick Korniloff, the stepfather of Perry, addressed a horde of media outside his home on a quiet street in Florida, saying air searches led by private pilots would



Heather Kenney, right, of Jensen Beach, Fla., stands with her son Xander, 11, during a vigil for Austin Stephanos and Perry Cohen in Stuart, Fla. The U.S. Coast Guard's search for the two teenage fishermen was to end Friday, a heart-rending decision for families so convinced the boys could be alive they're pressing on with their own hunt. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

go on alongside new efforts led by former members of the military and others with special training. "We know there's a window here and we think there's an opportunity," he said, "and we will do everything we can to bring

these boys home."

Those who have met with the families believe the private search could go on at least for weeks.

The Coast Guard had dispatched crews night and day to scan the Atlantic for signs of the boys. They

chased repeated reports of objects sighted in the water, and at times had the help of the U.S. Navy and other local agencies. But after the boys' boat was found overturned Sunday, no useful clues turned up. The families had held out hope that items believed to have been on the boat, including a large cooler, might be spotted, or that the teens might even have clung to something buoyant in their struggle to stay alive. Even as hope dimmed, experts on survival said finding the teens alive was still possible. The Coast Guard said it would keep on searching until officials no longer thought the boys could be rescued. The boys grew up on the water, constantly boated and fished, worked at a tackle shop together and immersed themselves in life on the ocean. □

Survivor recalls horrific US shooting, unaware parents dead

HELENA, Montana (AP) — Bullets whizzed past a woman's head as she fled from an 18-year-old gunman who had posed as a stranded motorist to convince her family to help him on the roadside in northern United States, the woman recounted to relatives. The man claimed he had run out of gas, then pulled

a gun, demanded money and opened fire when Jorah Shane followed her mother's order to run, Ada Shane said, relaying the story as told to her by her wounded niece.

The relatives listened to Jorah Shane's story, made sure the television in her hospital room was kept off, and struggled with how to

tell her that the man had killed her mother and father in Wednesday's shooting, Ada Shane told The Associated Press Thursday.

Jorah Shane, 26, did not know her parents' fate before she went into surgery Wednesday night for the bullet lodged in her spine. "Last night before she went in, she told everyone to go

look for her mom, she's hiding in the field," Ada Shane said. Jorah Shane was recovering in a Billings hospital Thursday, while the suspect in the shooting, Jesus Deniz Mendoza, 18, was in a jail cell. Police arrested Deniz Wednesday morning about 120 miles away from Pryor, the small town in Montana

state where the shooting happened.

In an interview with the FBI on Wednesday, Deniz admitted to shooting three people and then driving away in their car because "he was getting tired of waiting around, and because the daughter had laughed at him," according to a court statement. □

Al-Qaida attacks HQ of rebel group it calls US 'agents'

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Members of al-Qaida's branch in Syria launched an attack early Friday on the headquarters of a rebel faction in northern Syria believed to have been trained by the U.S. government, killing at least five fighters and wounding more than a dozen, the militants and an activist group said. The Nusra Front, which has also abducted several members of the faction known as Division 30, vowed to cut off "the arms" of the American government in Syria. A statement issued in the name of Division 30, said its fighters prevented Nusra Front gunmen from storming their head office and added that the fighting is still ongoing.

The Nusra Front said in a statement later Friday that it has detained some members of Division 30, claiming they were trained by the CIA and that the previously obscure group's fighters had entered Syria recently "to carry out the projects and interests of



This picture released on July 13, 2015 by the Rased News Network, a Facebook page affiliated with Islamic State militants, shows Islamic State militants fire weapons during a battle against Syrian government forces, in Deir el-Zour province, Syria. After billions of dollars spent and more than 10,000 extremist fighters killed, the Islamic State group is fundamentally no weaker than it was when the U.S.-led bombing campaign began a year ago, American intelligence agencies have concluded.

America in the region and to fight what they call terrorist organizations."

The fighting came a few days after the U.S. and Turkey announced the outlines of a deal to help rebels push the Islamic State group back from a strip of

territory it controls along the Syrian-Turkish border, replacing it with more moderate rebels backed by Washington and Ankara.

A U.S. military official on Friday seemed to deny any American connection to Division 30, saying that no member of a U.S.-backed rebel faction had been abducted.

"That report had nothing to do with the Syrian fighters

we trained and equipped," said Marine Corp. Brig. Gen. Kevin Killea, chief of staff of the U.S.-led coalition.

"We have nothing to confirm any reports that talk about injured, killed in combat. I can tell you with certainty we know that none of them have been captured."

However both the Britain-based Syrian Observatory

for Human Rights and Abdul-Jabbar Abu Thabet, commander of Aleppo Swords Battalion — a moderate faction that is fighting both Syrian government forces and IS — said the members of Division 30 were trained by the U.S. in Turkey.

Abu Thabet said Nusra Front has been referring to Division 30 as "agents of the Americans."

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads the Observatory, said that the rebel group's perceived American connection made it a target for the Nusra Front.

"They are trying to liquidate any group that has links to the West," he said.

The Observatory added that warplanes believed to be from the U.S.-led coalition attacked Nusra Front positions in the area after the fighting broke out.

The Nusra Front, which has in the past targeted rebel groups backed by the United States, said coalition warplanes struck their positions in the area of fighting with more than 10 missiles that killed and wounded several fighters. It said the airstrikes showed "the clear cooperation and coordination" between the U.S. and Division 30. □

(Rased News Network via AP)

Nigeria:

Suicide bomber kills 10 at Maiduguri market

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MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)

— A suicide bomber killed about 10 people at a crowded market early Friday in a blast that thundered across the north-eastern Nigerian city of Maiduguri, witnesses said. The region has been pummeled by suicide bombings that have killed hundreds carried out by the Boko Haram Islamic extremists since Nigeria elected a new president who promised to root out the extremists.

Trader Bukar Shettima said the explosion lifted him off his feet and threw him to the ground. "Thank God I was not too close," he said. "But I saw nauseating

corpses and battered bodies of humans littering the ground."

A police bomb expert said the bomber was a man, not a woman as had been originally described by witnesses. Both were in a tri-cycle taxi that exploded at a taxi rank outside Gamboru wholesale vegetable market. The expert, who requested anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to reporters, said he helped collect seven bodies.

Civilian self-defense fighter Kabiru Yaro said he carried away at least 10 corpses. It is difficult to get an exact toll in such attacks because of the numerous body parts.

A suicide bombing at the

same market killed at least 20 last month.

Nigeria's military Thursday announced its first major success in weeks: soldiers rescued 71 Boko Haram captives, mostly girls and women, in battles that killed many militants and destroyed their camps in three villages near Maiduguri. President Muhammadu Buhari this week visited neighboring Cameroon to bolster support for the 8,700-strong, four-nation army to curb the uprising that has spilled across borders. Deployment has been delayed by a lack of funds.

The 6-year-old uprising has killed 20,000 people and driven nearly 2 million from their homes. □



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Greece's stock market to reopen as bailout talks progress

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Greece's government announced that the Athens Stock Exchange will reopen Monday, a big step toward normalcy as talks with international creditors shifted into high gear.

The exchange has been closed since June 29, when the government imposed capital controls to prevent a banking collapse.

Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos signed the order Friday that also includes restrictions for Greece-based traders for an unspecified time period. A 60 euro limit on cash machines withdrawal will remain in place. Tsakalotos met with lead negotiators from the European Union and International Monetary Fund to start negotiations for a third bailout worth 85 billion euros (\$93 billion), following several days of preparatory meetings between lower-level officials on reforming the tax system and labor market regulations.

The third bailout will include a new punishing round of austerity measures heaped on a country reeling from a six-year recession and more than 25 percent unemployment. Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras has

pledged to back the new cutbacks, while openly admitting that he disagrees with them.

"We will implement them, yes, because we are forced to," he said in parliament Friday. "But at the same time we will struggle to change them, to improve them and to counter their negative consequences."

The bailout talks with the IMF, European Commission, European Central Bank and European Stability Mechanism must be concluded before Aug. 20. That's when a debt repayment to the ECB worth more than 3 billion euros is due — money which Greece does not have.

Tsakalotos said the talks are focused on how to recapitalize Greece's battered banking system, whose deposit base was badly hit in recent months as Greeks fearing a euro exit emptied their accounts. The talks also addressed Greece's privatization commitments and budget surplus targets. "As you can understand, there was convergence on some points, and less convergence on others," he said. Friday's meetings came hours after Tsipras defeated a bid by dissenters in his left-wing Syriza party to push for an end to



Red spray paint covers a Bank of Greece sign making it read 'Bank of Merkel' in reference to German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Athens. Greece's government announced that the Athens Stock Exchange will reopen Monday, a big step toward normalcy as talks with international creditors shifted into high gear. (AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

bailout negotiations and seek a return to the old national currency, the drachma. The party's governing central committee backed

a proposal by Tsipras to hold an emergency party conference in September, after the talks have been concluded.

Dissenters had sought a conference earlier, pressing the government to abandon the negotiations. □

Unemployment and inflation stable in 19-nation eurozone

BRUSSELS (AP) — Unemployment and inflation were stable in the 19-nation eurozone in early summer, when the Greek crisis was raging on and raising concerns over the outlook of the currency union.

The European Union's statistical agency, Eurostat, said Friday that the jobless rate stood at 11.1 percent in June, unchanged for a third straight month after declines earlier in the year. "This the lowest recorded rate in the euro area since March 2012," said EU spokeswoman Natasha Bertaud. "We got some encouraging signs now. We need to continue along this path."

Among the euro member states, Greece had the highest rate at 25.6 percent and Germany the lowest level at 4.7 percent. The EU's executive Commission has been pushing hard to create job-boosting measures and as of this fall, the European Investment Bank will start selecting projects to invest in using a 315 billion euro program that seeks to create some 1.3 million jobs.

Greece also had the highest level of youth unemployment at 53.2 percent in April, the last month for which it had statistics available. That's more than twice the eurozone average of 22.5 percent. □



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Al-Qaida car bombers attack Yemeni military base, killing 6

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Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Two al-Qaida suicide car bombers attacked a military base, killing at least six soldiers and wounding 30 others in the eastern valley of Sir in Yemen's largest province, Hadramawt, Yemeni officials said. The Friday blast, the offi-

cials said, severely damaged several buildings at the government-controlled base.

Meanwhile, ground fighting between the Shiite Houthi rebels and government-allied militias in Yemen's third largest city of Taiz raged on, killing at least 19 and wounding 28 from both sides, rebel and

militia fighters and medical officials said.

In the port city of Aden, where pro-government troops recently pushed out rebel forces, water and electricity are back in some neighborhoods. Residents are also cleaning the streets of rubble, the product of the four month-long battle with the Houthis

for control of the city.

"Before you couldn't drive a car on the road from all the rubble," a security official said. "Some roads now are relatively usable."

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters.

The battle for Aden has been the epicenter of Ye-

men's conflict over the past several weeks. The rebels seized the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, last September and then began pressing their advance south. Fierce fighting over Aden broke out in March, sparking the Saudi-led airstrikes that have been targeting the rebels to halt their advance. □

Suspected Jewish extremists set fire to Palestinian home

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DUMA, West Bank (AP) — Suspected Jewish assailants set fire to a West Bank home on Friday and burned a sleeping Palestinian toddler to death in an attack that drew Palestinian rage and widespread Israeli condemnation. The attack, which threatens to set off another violent escalation, shines a light on the growing lawlessness of extremist Jewish settlers that Israel is either unable or unwilling to contain. The extremists have for years staged attacks against Palestinian property, as well as mosques, churches, dovish Israeli groups and even Israeli military bases. The attacks, known as "price tags" because they exact a price for Israeli steps seen as favorable to the Palestinians, have stirred fear in Palestinians and frustration among critics who say Israel has not done enough to quell the assaults. "This is a direct consequence of decades of impunity given by the Is-



A Palestinian man inspects a house after it was torched in a suspected attack by Jewish settlers killing an 18-month-old Palestinian child, his four-year-old brother and parents were wounded, according to a Palestinian official from the Nablus area at Duma village near the West Bank city of Nablus, Friday, July 31, 2015.

raeli government to settler terrorism," said Palestinian official Saeb Erekat. "This is the consequence of a culture of hate funded and incentivized by the Israeli government and the impunity granted by the international community."

Friday's deadly attack comes as part of a larger

trend of Jewish radicalization - one day after an anti-gay ultra-Orthodox extremist stabbed revelers at Jerusalem's Gay Pride Parade and two days after Israeli authorities indicted two young Jewish activists for an arson attack on a famous Holy Land church. All have been strongly con-

demned across the Israeli political spectrum, though the recent spate of attacks has raised fears that a radicalized and violent ultraconservative fringe is growing from within the country's hard-line national-religious camp.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called the

attack a "war crime" and said the Palestinians would present it to the International Criminal Court as part of their case against Israel.

The extremist attacks, which most recently struck a famous church in northern Israel, have rarely caused fatal injuries, which made Friday's incident, in which 18-month-old Ali Dawabsheh was killed and his parents and 4-year-old brother critically wounded, all the more worrying.

Witnesses and the Israeli military said that under cover of darkness, the attackers broke the windows of the family's home in Duma, a small village near the West Bank city of Nablus. They lobbed a fire bomb into the sleeping family's bedroom which exploded into a fireball that quickly consumed the home. The suspects, who fled the scene, scribbled graffiti on the walls reading "Long live the Messiah," "revenge" and "price tag," as well as a Jewish star of David. The military said they were searching for the assailants. □

World Food Program cuts aid to Syrian refugees in Jordan

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Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — The World Food Program announced new cuts Friday in food aid for Syrian refugees in Jordan, highlighting a growing funding crisis of international agencies helping millions displaced by Syria's conflict.

A last-minute U.S. donation of \$65 million kept

food aid in Jordan going for August, though at reduced levels, the WFP said. If no additional contributions come in, half the current food aid recipients would lose all benefits by September.

"This timely contribution has helped us avoid major cuts, but unless other donors step up to the plate, it will be only a matter of months before we face

the same situation again," said WFP's regional director Muhannad Hadi.

Since the 2011 start of the Syrian conflict, more than 4 million Syrians have fled to neighboring countries. Jordan hosts 629,000 Syrian refugees, including about 100,000 housed in refugee camps and more than half a million living in Jordanian communities. Largely unable to work

legally, most urban refugees live in poverty. About 440,000 have been receiving WFP food vouchers, a mainstay of support, but the agency has had to reduce food aid repeatedly in recent months.

In August, food aid for the most vulnerable among the voucher recipients, or about 200,000 people, will drop from \$28 to \$14 per person per month and for

the rest from \$14 to \$7, the WFP said. Food aid for the most vulnerable is secured through November at current funding levels, the agency said. For the rest, it would stop in September. The agency has expressed concern that deepening poverty will prompt more refugees to pull their sons out of school and send them to work or marry off daughters in their teens. □



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Freed Colombian warlord apologizes for atrocities



In this 2007 photo, former paramilitary leader Freddy Rendon sits inside a court before a hearing in Medellin, Colombia. Rendon, better known by his alias "the German", was released from jail Thursday, July 30, 2015. He is the most senior paramilitary commander to be freed after completing the maximum eight years stipulated in a law for former militia members who confess their war crimes to prosecutors and compensate victims.

(AP Photo/ Luis Benavides)

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —

One of Colombia's most-feared right-wing warlords has been released from jail and apologized Friday for his atrocities.

Freddy Rendon, better known by his alias "El Aleman," "The German," walked free from a maximum security prison in Medellin late Thursday.

Speaking to Blu Radio less than 24 hours later, the former paramilitary commander said he was "regretful and embarrassed" over heinous crimes committed by his 1,500 troops in the northern Gulf of Uraba region during the bloodiest chapter of Colombia's long-running conflict in the 1990s. Among the atrocities

he was pressed about on air was the 1997 decapitation of a peasant farmer, Marino Lopez, whose murder during a joint army-paramilitary operation led the Inter-American Court of Human Right to condemn the Colombian state in 2013.

In the interview, Rendon acknowledged that one of his combatants, without authorization, did slash off Lopez's head with a machete. But he denied witness testimonies that the severed head was then used as a soccer ball to instill fear in the community. "This is borderline morbid and a sort of psychological depravity," he said.

Rendon is the most senior paramilitary commander to be freed after complet-

ing the maximum eight years stipulated in a law for former militia members who confess their war crimes to prosecutors and compensate victims.

More than 30,000 militia members laid down their arms between 2003 and 2006 as a result of a peace deal with former President Alvaro Uribe.

Several other paramilitary leaders are in line to be released, but their furloughs are held up over objections they aren't fully cooperating with the justice system. The 13 most important commanders of the United Self-Defense Forces, or AUC, were extradited in 2008 to the United States, where they are expected to serve much longer sentences on drug-trafficking charges. □

Report: Pinochet covered up burning death of US resident

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Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) —

U.S. documents published Friday indicate Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet covered up the military's role in the burning death of a 19-year-old U.S. resident during a 1986 protest, a case which drew worldwide condemnation and strained the regime's relationship with Washington. Declassified State Department cables from July 1986 cited a source within Chile's national police force as saying a police report identifying those responsible for the attack on Rodrigo Rojas and another teen, Carmen Quintana, was presented to Gen. Pinochet, who refused to believe it.

The cables were posted Friday by the National Security Archive, a non-profit organization based in Washington.

The attack on Rojas, a photographer from Washington D.C. whose mother was exiled from Chile, and 18-year-old Quintana came during a street protest on July 2, 1986. Witnesses said army units doused the two with gasoline and set them ablaze, before abandoning them in a ditch on the outskirts of Santiago. Rojas died four days later and Quintana, a university student, suffered severe burns.

Pinochet accused Rojas and Quintana of being terrorists who were burned by firebombs they planned to use against barricades. Chile's army denied any involvement.

At the time, the burning attack drew broad condemnation from governments and rights groups. The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan demanded a full investigation and judicial action. □



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Currency crisis has Venezuelans struggling to call abroad

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelans are struggling to call abroad as telephone carriers fall behind on payments to international partners amid a currency crisis that is leaving the country increasingly cut off from the rest of the world.

The South American nation's largest private telephone operator, Movistar, quietly ended service to all but 10 countries in May. The other major private operator here, Digitel, cut service to more than 100 countries around the same time, and later told congress it was tens of millions of dollars in debt to foreign providers.

The changes have not been formally announced. Instead, Venezuelans are making the unhappy discovery when they dial an international number and bump into an ominous pre-recorded error message.

Caracas shopkeeper Wilmer Ruiz realized last week that he couldn't call his family in Cuba or a friend who immigrated to Ecuador. Both countries have been staunch allies of Venezuela's 16-year socialist revolution.

"We're just falling behind the rest of the world in every way," Ruiz said.

Internet calling services

like Skype go only so far toward resolving the issue. Many people don't have easy access to WiFi, so they

in Venezuela even in better days. Though when a call does go through, international rates are capped

indefinitely suspended international mail deliveries. In the spring, the government slashed the amount

itself amid a general economic collapse, officials have been increasingly reluctant to part with any foreign currency.

Digitel has not received any dollars since 2014, company president Oswaldo Cisneros told congress in June. Venezuela's state-owned provider, CANTV, took the rare step this year of acknowledging in its annual report that the lack of access to dollars has limited its growth.

CANTV, which industry experts say provides about 40 percent of the country's international calling service, did not return requests for comment on whether it is cutting destinations. Federation of Telecommunication Workers leader Evencio Chacon, who represents the company's employees, said international service has been scaled back. Diplomats at the German, Romanian, Austrian and Dutch embassies also report problems calling home. All spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid upsetting delicate relations with the government. Movistar is maintaining service only to the 10 most-called destinations—Aruba, Spain, Italy, the U.S. and six Latin American countries, said Adriana Di Genova, a spokeswoman for parent company Telefonica. □



A woman talks on her cellphone as she walks past a Movistar sign in Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, July 30, 2015. Movistar the country's largest private operator quietly cut off almost all long distance service two months ago. (AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

have to rely on cellphone data packages that can be prohibitively expensive. And pay-as-you-go services that allow for cheap calls to cellphones over the Internet require a foreign credit card, which most Venezuelans don't have.

In Ruiz's case, his friend in Ecuador can't afford a full data plan and his Cuban family has no Internet access.

Phone service was spotty

at basement prices, with a four-hour call to Hong Kong costing less than 50 cents at the black market exchange rate.

The phones are just the latest things to go as currency rationing cuts Venezuela off from global trade.

Foreign airlines have abandoned the country over the past year because of Venezuela's limits on repatriating profits. Last year, the state-run postal service

of local currency citizens are allowed to convert into dollars when they travel abroad to as little as \$300, essentially blocking vacations for anyone who can't afford to buy currency on the black market.

Decade-old regulations require companies and individuals to get government approval for converting local bolivars into dollars. And with the administration running low on dollars

Venezuela occupies food warehouse of biggest private company

HANNAH DREIER

JORGE RUEDA

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's largest food distributor this week denounced the government occupation of a Caracas warehouse amid accusations that the company is hoarding goods.

Soldiers took over the warehouse complex used by Empresas Polar late Wednesday just as Venezuela's federation of brewers announced that Polar's beer manufacturing subsidiary is shutting two of its six plants because of a lack of imported barley.

The South American oil-ex-

porting nation is grappling with chronic shortages of all kinds of staples from sugar to toilet paper, which businesses blame on the socialist government's economic policies.

President Nicolas Maduro has accused Polar of sabotaging the economy by hoarding goods and intentionally creating shortages, a charge the company denies. As December congressional elections approach, Maduro has been levying frequent attacks on sectors that he claims are staging an economic war against Venezuelans.

Workers said the takeover was intended to provide

land for new houses, another resource that has become scarce in Caracas in recent years, pushing people to live in shacks in the hills outside the city.

Polar executive Manuel Felipe Larrazabal asked the administration to reconsider the occupation, saying it had already paralyzed the company's supply chain in the capital.

"We're not questioning the desire to build homes, which are so necessary, but we wonder why there is this need to disrupt active industrial facilities," he said Thursday.

The Ministry of Housing declined to comment on the

takeover of the complex, which is also used by several other large companies, including PepsiCo Inc. and Nestle SA.

Some of the 650 employees that Polar said work at the warehouse protested against the seizure as armed police looked on. Government supporters staged a counter-demonstration outside the complex. By nightfall, the crowds had mostly gone home.

It has been a rough couple of weeks for Polar.

In addition to the beer plant closures, which the brewers' federation said could affect a quarter of domestic beer production, Polar has

also been embroiled in a dispute with union workers demanding pay raises.

Members of some of the dozens of unions representing Polar workers have limited distribution of the small bottles of light beer that are favored in Venezuela. While there are no signs of shortages on shelves so far, the company says it is struggling to get deliveries to the central part of the country.

Earlier this month, the head of Venezuela's liquor store federation warned that the nation was about to run out of beer because brewers had reached "zero hour" amid widespread shortages in raw materials. □



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San Diego Padres' Justin Upton trots past third base after hitting a ninth-inning, three-run home run off New York Mets relief pitcher Jeurys Familia in a rain-delayed baseball game in New York, Thursday, July 30, 2015.

Associated Press

Upton hits 3-run HR in ninth, Pods beat Mets

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Justin Upton hit a three-run homer through a driving rain with two outs in the ninth inning, and San Diego stunned New York, overcoming a six-run deficit during a game delayed nearly four hours by two storms.

With a darkening sky overhead, Jeurys Familia entered with a 7-5 lead and got two quick outs in the ninth before a torrential downpour stopped play. Frustrated, the Mets closer stood on the mound as the other players cleared the field.

When play resumed 44 minutes later, Derrick Norris fell behind 0-2 before singling for his career-high fifth hit. Matt Kemp singled as the rain began again and Upton, in what could be his final at-bat with the Padres, sent the first pitch soaring to right-center for San Diego's first lead. □

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ROUTE 66

Tiger Woods in hunt to end two-year drought

Tiger Woods reacts on the fifth hole during the second round of the Quicken Loans National golf tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Va., Friday, July 31, 2015.

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After Yangervis Solarte grounded out, play was halted again, this time for 2:52. Craig Kimbrel then was perfect in a 5-minute ninth for his 30th save, in front of just several hundred fans.

CARDINALS 9, ROCKIES 8

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Matt Carpenter hit a pair of home runs and Greg Garcia's bases-loaded walk capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning as St. Louis beat Colorado.

Carpenter went 4 for 5 with four RBIs after moving back to the leadoff spot. It was his first career multihomer game and he has a career-high 12 home runs this season.

Jhonny Peralta's two-run single off Rockies closer John Axford tied the game at 8-all and Garcia's walk scored Kolten Wong as the Cardinals recorded their seventh walk-off win of the season.

Axford (3-5) took his third

loss in his last four outings. Cardinals starter Carlos Martinez gave up five runs on 10 hits in five innings. Carlos Villanueva (4-3) earned the win.

NATIONALS 1, MARLINS 0

MIAMI (AP) — Max Scherzer scattered three hits over seven innings, Jonathan Papelbon got his first save for Washington with a perfect ninth inning and the Nationals beat Miami.

Backed by Ryan Zimmerman's second-inning homer off Dan Haren, Scherzer (11-8) struck out six and lowered his ERA to 2.22.

Former closer Drew Storen pitched a perfect eighth, striking out two in his new setup role.

Papelbon, acquired Tuesday from Philadelphia, retired Ichiro Suzuki on a comebacker, got Christian Yelich to line out and struck out pinch-hitter Michael Morse for his 18th save in 18 chances this season.

Haren (7-7) gave up four hits in six innings and lowered his ERA to 3.42.

CUBS 5, BREWERS 2



Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer (31) throws in the first inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins, Thursday, July 30, 2015, in Miami.

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MILWAUKEE (AP) — Anthony Rizzo hit a three-run homer with two out in the eighth inning, and Chicago beat Milwaukee.

The Cubs won for the third time in four games since they were swept in a week-end series against lowly Philadelphia. Rizzo finished with three hits and Dexter Fowler went 2 for 4.

Jimmy Nelson pitched seven innings of two-hit ball for Milwaukee, but Chicago

rallied in the eighth. Addison Russell and Fowler singled against Jeremy Jeffress before Will Smith (4-2) came in.

Smith retired his first two batters, but Rizzo connected for his 18th homer to give the Cubs a 3-2 lead.

REDS 15, PIRATES 5

CINCINNATI (AP) — Brandon Phillips hit a pair of three-run homers and drove in a career-high seven runs, powering the Reds

to a victory that kept Pittsburgh winless in Cincinnati this season.

The Reds opened the season with a three-game sweep of the Pirates at Great American Ball Park. They improved to 4-0 on Thursday night by taking advantage of struggling A.J. Burnett (8-5), sending the Pirates to their most lopsided loss of the season. Pittsburgh hadn't allowed so many runs since a 15-5 loss to Arizona on Aug. 17, 2013.

Marlon Byrd also hit a three-run homer, and Jay Bruce drove in three runs with a sacrifice fly and a double as the Reds improved to 8-2 overall against the Pirates this season.

Left-hander David Holmberg (1-0) was called up from Triple-A and allowed two runs and five hits in six innings.

PHILLIES 4, BRAVES 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dominican Brown homered and Aaron Harang snapped his losing streak at eight starts, leading Philadelphia to a victory over Atlanta.

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Woods in contention at Quicken Loans after a 5-under 66

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GAINESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Tiger Woods showed a rare flash of anger on a mostly stress-free day when his second shot on the eighth hole failed to clear a massive fairway bunker. The best he could do was to squeeze it onto the front of the green.

The mistake on the par-5 hole set up the signature moment of a 5-under 66 on Friday in the Quicken Loans National that put Woods in contention for his first victory in nearly two years.

Woods sank the 36-foot birdie putt, which broke hard to the right and trickled over a crest and into the hole. He celebrated with a vintage fist pump and smile.

"If I keep hitting good putts, eventually they're going to go in," Woods said. "I made my share on my back nine and especially that bomb on eight. That was a bit lucky, but I'll take it."

Woods was tied for fifth, three shots behind Ryo Ishikawa, who was even par for the day before he birdied the last three holes at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club. Ishikawa had a 68 to reach 11 under, one shot ahead of Rickie Fowler, who also birdied the last three for a 65, and Kevin Chappell, who shot 68.

Woods is the host and a two-time winner of the Quicken Loans National, which is being played at RTJ for the first time.

His 66 was his best score in relation to par this year and only his seventh round in the 60s. In eight previous starts this year, he missed three cuts and withdrew once. His best finish is a tie for 17th at the Masters.

Two years ago, Woods was ranked No. 1. Since then, he



Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the fifth tee during the second round of the Quicken Loans National golf tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Va., Friday, July 31, 2015.
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has had back surgery and changed his swing. Earlier this year, he struggled to make solid contact on basic chip shots. His ranking has plummeted to 266th. "I know what I'm doing out there. It's just a matter of time before things start to click in," Woods said. "People want the immediate fix, the one tip that's going to work for the rest of their life. It doesn't work that way." Woods started on the back nine and made three pars before a shockingly bad tee shot on the par-5 14th. He slammed his driver to the turf as the ball traveled only 161 yards and failed to reach the fairway. That led to his only bogey of the day.

"That kind of got me kick-started a little bit. Got me a little fired up," Woods said. On the next hole, he twirled his driver in satisfaction as

the ball sailed down the middle of the fairway. He hit his approach to 3 feet for his first birdie of the day. From then on, he put on a flawless display of ball-striking.

Another long, accurate drive on the 18th led to a 10-footer for birdie. On the first hole, he laid back with a 3-wood before hitting 9-iron to 5 feet for another birdie.

On the par-3 fourth, playing at 223 yards, he attacked a difficult pin and made a 20-foot putt, raising his putter in the air as the ball dropped. He added a two-putt birdie on the par-5 fifth before his dramatics on 8.

While Woods is trying to salvage his season, Fowler is hoping to build on a career year. Fowler won The Players Championship in May and the Scottish Open in

July, doubling his career victory total.

He struggled with his driver Friday but made up for it with putting. On the 18th, Fowler raised his putter and started walking before his 27-foot birdie putt went down, and then high-fived caddy Joe Skovron.

"Probably hit it worse today," Fowler said. "I wouldn't say I putted any better, just happened to get some that went in." Playing three groups behind Fowler, Ishikawa had made four birdies and four bogeys when he nearly made his second hole-in-one of the tournament, hitting a 9-iron to 2 inches on the short par-3 16th. He tapped in for birdie and followed that up with a 13-foot birdie putt on 17 and a 31-footer on 18.

"My goal for this weekend is like 15 under, 16 under,"

Ishikawa said. "So I'm just here focused on that number."

David Lingmerth, enjoying a breakout season thanks to his victory at the Memorial, made five birdies on his final nine holes for a 65. He was two shots back.

The cut was 2 under, and Billy Hurley III made it on the number. After his second-round 70, he was informed that his father, Wilard Hurley Jr., had been located after disappearing for nearly two weeks.

Woods was part of a group of nine players at 8 under. They included Jimmy Walker, who followed an opening 71 with a 63, including a holed fairway bunker shot from 112 yards for eagle.

"I don't hit a lot of fairways anyway. It's not that big of a deal," Walker said. "Bunkers out here are nice. I hit some good shots." □

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Struggling Sandoval insists weight not a problem

MIKE CRANSTON
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — In the midst of a season-long slump during his first season with the Boston Red Sox, Pablo Sandoval insisted Thursday he weighs the same as he did last season with San Francisco.

The Venezuelan slugger was back in the lineup at third base against the Chicago White Sox on Thursday, a day after he was thrown out trying to score from first base on a ball that rolled to the wall. He exited the game on a hot, humid night with what the team called dehydration.

Sandoval entered Thursday hitting a career-worst .262 with 34 RBIs after leaving the World Series champion Giants to sign a \$95 million, five-year deal contract with Boston. The 5-foot-11 (1.8-meter) Sandoval, nicknamed Kung Fu Panda, is listed at 255 pounds (116 kilograms).

"I'm still the same weight that I was last year, the weight that I finished my season," Sandoval said. "I don't get complaints about it. Do I have to keep working hard? Yes, I do."



As rain falls, Boston Red Sox's Pablo Sandoval is hit by a pitch after swinging during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox in Boston, Thursday, July 30, 2015. (AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

Manager John Farrell said the team has discussed weight, conditioning and diet with Sandoval, a two-time All-Star who turns 30 next month.

"The one thing we do know is there is a wide range in which (his weight) will fluctuate, and that's

been consistent year to year with Pablo," Farrell said. "His work ethic in the weight room, his work ethic on the field is consistent. It has been since the first day he got on the field with us here. ... And yet there have been challenges that we've become aware of over the

course of his career, that you're trying to align a number of things. That's the consistency to the work routine as well as the nutritional side of things."

Farrell acknowledged the Red Sox thought they were getting an average fielder. Instead, Sandoval has had trouble coming up with balls hit near the line. He's committed 12 errors in 89 games after making 11 errors in 151 games a year ago.

Farrell said they'd like Sandoval to play deeper.

"The closer he is to home plate, the less reaction time. But there's been some footwork that's been addressed, particularly in his pre-pitch setup," Farrell said. "There's been some detection that his first move is to come up instead of laterally. We've sat with him on video and reviewed it, and he continues to work on it in his pregame routine. Yet there's still times where it does not play out on the field."

Sandoval shrugged off a question about his conditioning and said he feels comfortable at the plate.

"I don't care what people say," Sandoval said, "I feel great." □

AL Capsules

Astros win on last at-bat to sweep Angels

The Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Jason Castro hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to give the Houston Astros a 3-0 victory and a three-game sweep of the Los Angeles Angels on Thursday night.

The win moves first-place Houston two games ahead of the Angels in the AL West.

It was 0-0 to start the bottom of the ninth inning. Jed Lowrie drew a walk off Jose Alvarez (2-2) with one out before a two-out single by Marwin Gonzalez. Castro then launched his two-out shot off Fernando Salas into the seats in right field to give Houston the win.

Luke Gregerson (4-1) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win.

Scott Kazmir allowed three hits and struck out five in 7 2/3 scoreless innings in the first start for the Astros in his hometown and his second since a trade from the Oakland Athletics.

RANGERS 7, YANKEES 6 ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Josh Hamilton delivered a game-ending RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning and Texas beat AL East-leading New York.

Hamilton also had a three-run homer for the Rangers, who scored the winning run after a wild ninth to split the four-game series.

Delino DeShields drew a leadoff walk in the ninth off Nick Goody (0-1), who was making his major league debut. Yankees closer Andrew Miller got Elvis Andrus out on a deep fly ball before DeShields became the second out when he was hit on the foot by Leonys Martin's hard shot while running the bases.

Martin went to second on Adrian Beltre's walk and scored when Hamilton singled to right.

Mark Teixeira homered twice for the Yankees, and Brian McCann also went deep.

INDIANS 3, ATHLETICS 1 OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) —

Carlos Carrasco threw a two-hitter, Carlos Santana hit a two-run homer and Cleveland beat Oakland. Francisco Lindor had two hits for the Indians, who won their second straight following a six-game losing streak.

Josh Reddick doubled in a first-inning run for the A's, who have lost six of their last seven.

Carrasco did not allow a hit after Reddick's double, facing one over the minimum from that point. He walked one and struck out seven. He was coming off his worst start of the season in which he allowed six runs in four innings.

Chris Bassitt (0-4) gave up three runs, his season high, on six hits. He walked one and struck out a season-best six.

BLUE JAYS 5, ROYALS 2 TORONTO (AP) — Dioner Navarro hit a two-run home run, Russell Martin and Josh Donaldson added solo shots and Toronto beat Kansas City.

The Blue Jays, who acquired star pitcher David Price from Detroit earlier in the day, have homered in 12 consecutive games since the All-Star break, their longest streak of the season.

Price was not with the Blue Jays on Thursday but is expected to join them Friday. Toronto has not said when Price will make his first start but Sunday is a possibility.

Marco Estrada (8-6) allowed two runs and three hits in 5 2-3 innings. Estrada left after Lorenzo Cain's two-out single in the sixth ended his run of 15 straight outs. Brett Cecil came on and retired Eric Hosmer.

LaTroy Hawkins pitched the seventh, Aaron Sanchez worked the eighth and Roberto Osuna finished for his sixth save.

RED SOX 8, WHITE SOX 2 BOSTON (AP) — Xander Bogaerts and David Ortiz each had three hits and Boston beat Chris Sale, snapping Chicago's sev-

en-game winning streak.

Knuckleballer Steven Wright (4-4) pitched seven effective innings in Boston's third win in 15 games. Brock Holt had a two-run single in a four-run sixth.

Jose Abreu hit a two-run homer in the first for the White Sox, who head home for a weekend series against the Yankees after a 7-1 road trip moved them into contention for an AL wild-card spot.

The first five batters reached in Boston's four-run sixth before Sale (9-6) was lifted. He allowed seven runs and 12 hits in his worst start since April.

TWINS 9, MARINERS 5 MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Eddie Rosario finished a single shy of the cycle and drove in three runs to help Minnesota snap a four-game skid with a victory over Seattle. Aaron Hicks and Brian Dozier also homered for the Twins, who had lost 10 of their previous 12 games. Phil Hughes (10-6) gave up five runs on 10 hits and struck out five in five innings and Joe Mauer extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

Austin Jackson and Seth Smith hit two-run homers for the Mariners, who traded outfielder Dustin Ackley to the New York Yankees before the game. J.A. Happ (4-6) gave up seven runs — six earned — on nine hits in 3 1/3 innings.

TIGERS 9, ORIOLES 8 BALTIMORE (AP) — Yoenis Cespedes homered and drove in three runs and Detroit beat Baltimore after shifting into rebuilding mode by trading two of their best pitchers.

Mired in fourth place in the AL Central, Detroit dealt starter David Price to Toronto and closer Joakim Soria to Pittsburgh the day before the non-waiver trade deadline.

General manager Dave Dombrowski conceded, "I would much rather be acquiring than I would be trading. But it's just where



Houston Astros rip the jersey off Jason Castro, center, after he hit a walkoff three-run home run to defeat the Los Angeles Angels 3-0 in the ninth inning of a baseball game Thursday, July 30, 2015, in Houston. Associated Press

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American Pharoah poised for more racing history in Haskell

RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Racing Writer

From a beauty salon in Beverly Hills to an intersection in Zurich people are talking about American Pharoah. Derek Jeter. Carrie Underwood. Drew Brees. Even Cheech and Chong. All have chatted up either the owner, trainer or jockey of American Pharoah in the weeks after the horse became the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years with a sweep of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

"He's captured the imagination of the nation," says Ahmed Zayat, the effusive Egyptian owner who travels the world on business and resides in Teaneck, New Jersey. "More than just a nation, if I dare say." On Sunday, American Pharoah returns to the races in the \$1.75 million Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park, the Jersey Shore track a few furlongs from the home of rocker Bruce Springsteen, whose classic "Born to Run" has become the Haskell pre-race anthem.

On this day, though, Pharoah will be The Boss. "We have a legend here with American Pharoah," says Dennis Drazen, a management consultant to the track. "People are going to be talking about being there the day American Pharoah ran at Monmouth Park in the Haskell."

Thrilled to have American Pharoah, track officials this week boosted the total purse of the race by \$750,000 to a record \$1.75 million. The winner's share



Assistant trainer Jimmy Barnes, right, holds Triple Crown winner American Pharoah in the stable area at Monmouth Park in Oceanport, N.J., Thursday, July 30, 2015. American Pharoah is preparing for Sunday's running of the Haskell Invitational horse race.

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is \$1.1 million. A record crowd approaching 60,000 is expected. A three-day "Pharoah Phan Phestival" began Friday, with giveaways, contests, and a chance for fans to watch American Pharoah on his morning gallops.

The Triple Crown winner is the overwhelming 1-5 favorite in an eight-horse field going 1 1/8 miles.

"He has so many fans," says trainer Bob Baffert, who said his wife, Jill, told him that a little TV was tuned in to the Belmont at the beauty salon she goes to in Beverly Hills, California. "There's people in front of his barn in the mornings, and people watching him gallop and cheering for him every time. It's fun to really share him with the fans."

From the moment American Pharoah won the Bel-

mont, Zayat hasn't wavered in his desire to keep racing his prized horse — even though he's sold the breeding rights for what could be as much as \$30 million, with a stud fee that could be in the \$100,000 range.

"You wait a lifetime for a horse like this," says Zayat, who has spent tens of millions of dollars in building Zayat Stables. "We want to enjoy this. There is nothing for us to prove other than continue to help the game and for people to enjoy this."

After the Belmont, Zayat flew off to Europe on business. He said as he was crossing a street in Zurich one day, a driver rolled down his window and called out, "Go Pharoah, go!" In London, he said he was recognized by a salesperson in Harrod's

who told him, "I know you from the TV. You ... you won the three things. American Pharoah, right?"

At the ESPY's, where Victor Espinoza won for best jockey, the Pharoah contingent was approached by retired Yankees' star Jeter, who wanted to pose for a picture. Same with Yankees' slugger Alex Rodriguez.

"They are asking for a picture with us?" says Zayat. "Really?"

With social media and a 24/7 news cycle these days, American Pharoah may actually be more popular than Secretariat, the 1973 Triple Crown winner many consider the greatest racehorse of all.

American Pharoah appears in the August issue of Vogue magazine. He was paraded at Churchill Downs and Santa Anita Park before tens of thou-

sands of fans. Zayat was featured on "Secret Lives of the Super Rich." Espinoza signed on with Steiner Sports Marketing. A Pharoah website is a recent addition to the Twitter accounts of Zayat and his son and racing manager, Justin.

"People know what he's doing every step, and everybody knows where he is," says the white-haired Baffert. "I might as well put a GPS on him. But he enjoys it and so it's fun to really share him with the fans." The goal is a final race in the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky on Oct. 31. Then, it's off to the breeding shed down the road at Coolmore's Ashford Stud. Plans have not been set for a next race after the Haskell, but several are under consideration.

The Haskell shapes up more as a public workout on national TV than a competitive race. The second betting choice in the field is Upstart, who finished 18th in the Derby in his last race but finished second in the Florida Derby. Also entered are Competitive Edge, Keen Ice, Mr Jordan, Nonna's Boy, Top Clearance and Dontbetwithbruno. Baffert fares pretty well in the Haskell. The Hall of Famer has won it a record seven times, including four of the last five years.

At times, Team Pharoah has been criticized for running where it can make the most money before retirement, but Baffert and Zayat insist that's not the case. □



2010 champ Vincenzo Nibali to ride Spanish Vuelta

PARIS (AP) — Vincenzo Nibali will compete in the Spanish Vuelta next month after failing to defend his Tour de France title.

Nibali, who announced on Friday that he will ride the third and final Grand Tour of the season alongside Astana teammates Fabio Aru

and Mikel Landa, finished fourth in the Tour.

The Italian rider, who won a Tour stage in the Alps after struggling during the first two weeks of the race, finished more than eight minutes behind race winner Chris Froome.

The British rider has yet to

confirm whether he will ride in the Vuelta, with Tour runner-up Nairo Quintana also considering taking part.

Nibali won the Vuelta in 2010, and the Giro d'Italia in 2013.

The Vuelta starts on Aug. 22. □

Italy's Vincenzo Nibali, front, Bauke Mollema of the Netherlands, in second position, and Poland's Rafal Majka, rear, are distanced after Nibali had a puncture during the twentieth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 110.5 kilometers (68.7 miles) with start in Modane and finish in Alpe d'Huez, France, Saturday, July 25, 2015.

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Toyota robot can pick up after people, help the sick

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YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP)

— Toyota's new robot that glides around like R2-D2 is devoted to a single task: picking things up.

HSR, short for "human support robot," comes with a single mechanical arm that can grasp objects of various shapes and sizes and also pick up smaller items with a tiny suction cup.

It doesn't have other tricks in its repertoire, except for a computer panel on its head for surfing the Internet. A person can also access the robot from another computer and use it like a camera-phone.

Kouichi Ikeda, its engineer, is serious about using it to help around regular homes. First people with disabilities, and then for the elderly in general. Picking up is especially challenging for people with spinal disorders and other ailments that hamper the ability to stoop down and grab, he said.

"Although it can only do one simple task of picking up, it's already making disabled people quite happy. We're just getting started, but eventually we want it to enter people's homes,"



In this July 24, 2015 photo, Toyota's engineer Kouichi Ikeda explains on new HSR, short for "human support robot," at a welfare and nursing exposition in Yokohama, south of Tokyo.

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Ikeda said at an exhibition of health care technology in Yokohama, southwest of Tokyo.

Nearly 40 percent of Japan's population will be 65 or older by 2060, and with the rest of the developed world and some developing nations following that track, Toyota is banking on the demand for robot helpers to grow.

"People feel more comfortable asking a robot to pick up after them than asking a human helper," said Tadashi Hatakenaka, manager and engineer at the Yokohama Rehabilitation Center.

A robot like HSR is also ideal to replace service dogs, which go through special training to help people with various disabilities,

including those who use wheelchairs, have balance issues or may be prone to seizures, he said.

Toyota came up with the basic concept model for HSR in 2012.

The revamped model, announced this month, is ready to enter universities, research facilities and businesses from next year, in partnerships to develop

more applications, so the robot can enter homes as quickly as possible.

One drawback is cost. Mass production is needed for the price to come down. Toyota declined to give the current price.

Ikeda showed how HSR can be controlled relatively easily by tapping on a tablet device, to fetch a TV remote-controller.

The 135 centimeter (four-foot-four) tall robot has several cameras, including two on its head that look like its eyes, and sensors on its body.

It scoots quietly around in all directions.

Unlike the robotic arms at auto-assembly plants, HSR's grip and bumps are designed to be soft so they can't hurt anyone. But it can pick up items weigh up to 1.2 kilograms (2.6 pounds).

There was no attempt to make its design cute, like the Pepper childlike robot that recently went on sale in Japan from Japanese Internet company Softbank Corp.

Toyota has long been working on robots, including a human-shaped one with fingers dexterous enough to play the trumpet. Another plays the violin. □

IBM's Watson computing technology learns Japanese

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TOKYO (AP)

— The IBM Watson super-brainy computing technology, which has helped organize massive data as well as beaten champions on the Jeopardy TV show, is now learning Japanese.

IBM Watson, a unit of the U.S. technology and consulting company, said Thursday it was working with Japanese telecommunications and robotics company Softbank Corp. to share Watson with startups and universities in Japan for a variety of consumer applications, starting October.

Watson Senior Vice President Mike Rhodin told

reporters that Watson, a cloud-based technology, is an effective tool in handling a large amount of unstructured data, such as clinical tests, information on drugs and regulations in the legal field.

Since such information and knowledge has grown so enormous, and is constantly updated, no human can hope to keep up, he said. That's where Watson can help.

Watson has also proved effective in education, such as online classes and advising teachers.

It can also help decide optimal travel plans, juggling options on hotels and flights.

One example of a new

partnership in Japan is with the University of Tokyo, which will use IBM's Watson Genomic Analytics technology, a cognitive computing system,

to discover new cancer treatment options based on gene mutations — the first organization outside North America to use Watson Genomic Analytics.

Watson already knows English, and has acquired Spanish, French and Portuguese, and is set to learn Arabic next.

IBM's clients in Japan so far have been mostly business clients. Softbank, which also has a telecommunications business, was chosen as a partner to reach startups and consumers.



IBM Watson Vice President Mike Rhodin speaks during a press conference at the company's Tokyo office in Tokyo, Thursday, July 30, 2015.

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The company showed a video in which Softbank's humanoid robot Pepper was a sales clerk at a Japanese electronics store.

Pepper has cameras, sensors and voice recognition to simulate an emotional interaction with people. In the video, when the shopper asked, "What's good about a 4K TV?" Pepper

used Watson to go into a database and give a run-down on its advantages.

Rhodin said the world was undergoing an "information revolution," flooded with newly generated computer data plus information from social media, including video, and what's coming from Internet-connected sensors and devices. □

Honda records 20 pct profit rise despite recalls

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TOKYO (AP) — Japanese automaker Honda reported Friday a 20 percent jump in fiscal first quarter profit on the back of a cheap yen that offset the damage from a massive air bag recall. Honda Motor Co.'s April-June net profit totaled 186 billion yen (\$1.5 billion), up from 155.6 billion yen the same period the previous year. Quarterly sales gained nearly 16 percent to 3.7 trillion yen (\$29.9 billion). The Tokyo-based maker of the Accord sedan and Odyssey minivan has been the hardest hit among automakers from the costs related to a global recall of Takata Corp.'s air bags that can explode.

Takata has recalled almost 34 million air bag inflators in the United States. Globally, the recalls number more than 57 million, although some of the vehicles are being recalled more than once. At least eight people have been killed and 100 have been injured by Takata air bags, which can explode with too much force and spew shrapnel into the vehicle.

Honda, which has a stake in Takata, relies heavily on the Tokyo-based air bag and seatbelt maker.

Honda estimates its recalls related to Takata air bags worldwide at 24.5 million.

It did not break down costs for the quality woes, but said that was part of the overall sales and administrative expenses estimated at 60 billion yen (\$484 million) for the fiscal year through March 2016.

Results got a boost from healthy sales, especially in North America, where it introduced the HR-V sport utility vehicle and Acura TLX luxury model. The CR-V crossover also did well in the region. The cheap yen, which lifts the overseas earnings of Japanese exporters, also helped. The dollar has been trading at 120 yen levels, up sharply from about 102 yen a year ago. □

US stocks dip as energy stocks slump on earnings

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed modestly lower Friday as oil titans Exxon Mobil and Chevron led a slump in energy stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 56.12 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,689.86.

due to the big drop in the price of oil.

In the case of Exxon, earnings fell 52 percent from a year earlier, causing the company to report its lowest quarterly profit since June 2009. Exxon shares fell \$3.80, or 4.6 percent, to \$79.21.

corporate earnings in the second quarter. S&P 500 companies are on track for a 1.3 percent year-over-year decline in earnings, according to FactSet. If energy were excluded, corporate profits would be up 5.4 percent.

Even with oil prices down

\$1.10 to close at \$52.21 in London.

A disappointing economic report also weighed on stocks.

U.S. wages and benefits grew at their slowest pace in 33 years in the spring, the Labor Department said, stark evidence that the improving job market is having little impact on paychecks for most Americans. The slowdown likely reflects a sharp drop-off in bonus and incentive pay for some workers.

The lackluster wage growth suggests that companies are still able to find the workers they need without boosting pay, a sign the job market is not yet back to full health. That could cause the Federal Reserve hold of any increase in interest rates.

Bond prices rose after the report, pushing the 10-year U.S. Treasury note down to 2.19 percent from 2.26 percent on Thursday.

"I can't imagine the Fed is looking at (this data) this morning as a reason to increase rates in September," said Tom di Galoma, head of rates trading at ED&F Man Capital.

In other energy markets, wholesale gasoline rose 1.3 cents to close at \$1.841 a gallon. Heating oil fell 1.4 cents to close at \$1.584 a gallon. Natural gas fell 5.2 cents to close at \$2.716 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In currencies, the dollar fell 0.3 percent to 123.90 yen and the euro rose 0.4 percent to \$1.0985.

In metals trading, gold rose \$6.50 to \$1,095.90 an ounce and silver rose 5 cents to \$14.75 an ounce. Copper fell 1 cent to \$2.43 per pound. □



Trader Gregory Rowe, left, and specialist Paul Cosentino, right, work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks closed modestly lower Friday as oil titans Exxon Mobil and Chevron led a slump in energy stocks.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 4.71 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,103.92. The Nasdaq composite closed little changed, down half a point to 5,128.28.

It's was a see-saw week for the market, but all three major indexes closed higher by roughly 1 percent.

Shares of Exxon Mobil and Chevron, the two largest publicly traded energy companies, fell roughly 5 percent each on Friday. Both companies posted major declines in their year-over-year profits largely

Chevron, hurt by low oil prices and a write-off of some of its assets, reported its lowest profit in 13 years. The company reported a profit of 30 cents a share, well below the \$1.13 analysts expected. Chevron fell \$4.55, or 4.9 percent, to \$88.48.

Exxon and Chevron dragged down other energy stocks. The S&P 500 energy sector slumped 2.6 percent, its biggest drop since January.

Energy companies have been a major drag on

more than 50 percent from a year ago, crude has continued to fall. Oil prices declined sharply again Friday on continuing concerns over high global supplies and weak demand, helping push oil down 21 percent for the month.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell \$1.40 to close at \$47.12 a barrel in New York. Crude fell \$12.35 a barrel during the month, from \$59.47 at the end of June. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell

Airbus takes 290M euro charge for military crash

FRANKFURT, Germany
(AP) — Plane maker Airbus Group SE said Friday its net profit rose 5 percent in the second quarter to 732 million euros (\$805 million) despite a one-time charge stemming from the crash of one of its military transport planes in Spain.

Profits were dented by a 290 million euro charge related to the May 9 crash of an A400M transport plane that killed four crew members. The crash stopped some flight test activities for weeks and led to production bottlenecks. The company, based in Toulouse, France, said it was working with customers to

agree on a new schedule for deliveries. The A400M program has run years behind schedule and cost billions more than expected. Airbus CEO Tom Enders said the company was on track to achieve its earnings forecast for the year amid healthy demand for commercial aircraft. He said

the company was focusing on stepping up production of the A400M and its A350 wide-body passenger jet. Revenues rose 16 percent in the April-June quarter to 16.81 billion euros, boosted by the stronger U.S. dollar. Airbus shares rose 3.8 percent to 64.80 euros in morning trading in Europe. □

LinkedIn 2Q caps rough week for social media stocks

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NEW YORK (AP) — It hasn't been a good week for social media companies, not even for the usually reliable professional networking service LinkedIn Corp. The company's second-quarter results announced late Thursday beat Wall Street's expectations on all fronts, just as Facebook's did on Wednesday and Twitter's on Tuesday. But it's the signs behind the headline numbers that seem to be worrying investors, enough for shares of all three companies to fall this week. LinkedIn "did great this quarter," said Gartner analyst Brian Blau, while noting that there is "some variability on their efforts quarter to quarter as they are in a very competitive market that is constantly innovating and changing." LinkedIn's stock fell \$17.44, or 7.7 percent, to \$209.71 in after-hours trading Thursday night. The stock fluctuated widely after the results came out as investors digested the earnings report. The stock increased at least 8 percent before settling lower.

Colin Gillis, an analyst at BGC Financial, said that while LinkedIn's stock is roughly unchanged since the start of the year, this masks the "the wild gyrations" that have taken place in its price. LinkedIn's adjusted earnings of 55 cents per share were well above the 30 cents that analysts polled by FactSet had expected for the April-June quarter. Revenue grew 33 percent to \$712 million, also above analysts' expectations of \$680 million. Net loss was \$67.7 million, or 53 cents per share, which is wider than last year's loss of \$1 million, or 1 cent per share. The company had warned in April that earnings would be dampened by costs related to its purchase of Lynda.com, an online learning company. LinkedIn closed that deal in the second quarter. On Thursday, CEO Jeff Weiner said the deal "could be one of LinkedIn's most transformational initiatives as it has the potential to improve the member experience across the platform." LinkedIn had 380 million members at the end of the quarter, up 21 percent



LinkedIn CEO Jeff Weiner speaks during the company's second annual "Bring In Your Parents Day," at LinkedIn headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. LinkedIn reported mixed quarterly financial results this week.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

from a year earlier. The Mountain View, California-based company said traffic from mobile devices represents more than half of all traffic to LinkedIn. Blau said LinkedIn's mobile usage should be higher, "given that many of their users are from markets where we have higher smartphone

penetration." On Tuesday, Twitter disappointed investors when it reported a 15 percent increase in monthly active users, to 316 million. Its co-founder and interim CEO, Jack Dorsey, said the company is "not satisfied" with the pace of its user growth. But executives also acknowl-

edged that this is unlikely to change for a considerable amount of time. Facebook, meanwhile, has nearly 1.5 billion monthly users, but its high-flying stock also took a hit as investors sought to take profits and might have had some concerns about the company's soaring spending. □

Amgen hikes 2015 forecast after 2Q increase in profit, sales



This photo shows signage at the entrance to Amgen Inc. offices in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Amgen reported strong quarterly financial results this week..

(AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

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TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Amgen Inc. shares jumped in extended trading after the maker of osteoporosis drug Prolia easily beat Wall Street's second-quarter profit expectations and hiked its 2015 financial forecast.

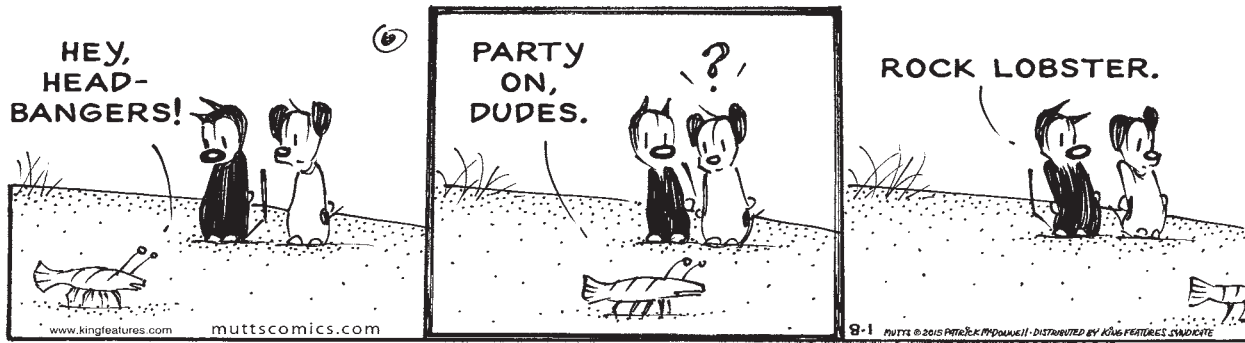
Amgen, based in Thousand Oaks, California, said late Thursday it sees strong momentum for the second half of the year, with three new drugs launching, new approvals for a couple expected soon and experimental drugs for migraines, heart failure and preventing bone fractures in or

near the final rounds of patient testing. The maker of blockbuster biologic rheumatoid arthritis drug Enbrel reported that net income rose to \$1.65 billion, or \$2.15 per share, due to higher revenue and restrained spending. Excluding one-time charges, adjusted income was \$1.98 billion, or \$2.57 per share, 14 cents more than analysts were expecting. Revenue climbed 3.7 percent to \$5.37 billion, edging past the \$5.32 billion analysts expected. A year ago, the company earned \$1.55 billion, or \$2.01 per share, on revenue of \$5.18 billion. "The question is, 'What do you do after you've just had a blowout quarter?'" said analyst Steve Brozak, president of WBB Securities. He said Amgen's strong results and cash hoard, plus

the recent appointment to its board of a longtime pharmaceutical industry executive known for deal-making, Fred Hassan, will fuel speculation Amgen is mulling possible mergers as a way to continue its growth. "Are they the takeover-ers or the takeover-ees?" he wondered. During the quarter, sales of Amgen's newest medicines—Prolia, related drug XGeva for preventing bone damage from tumors and Kyprolis for multiple myeloma patients who have failed other therapies — all rose by more than 10 percent. Kyprolis, approved in the U.S., awaits European approval. Repatha, the first in a new class of expensive biologic drugs for lowering cholesterol in patients not helped enough by statin

pills such as Lipitor, was approved in Europe this month and could win U.S. approval in late August. Meanwhile, leukemia drug Blincyto and Corlanor, the first new chronic heart failure drug in a decade, are launching, and longtime mainstay Enbrel saw revenue rise 8 percent, mainly due to price hikes, to a total of \$1.35 billion. Together, Enbrel and the new medicines offset declines in older Amgen medicines for anemia in chemotherapy and kidney dialysis patients and for preventing infections in chemotherapy patients. One of those, infection fighter Neupogen, is the only drug in the U.S. with an approved biosimilar version — Zarxio from Novartis AG, which is to go on sale Sept. 2 at a somewhat lower price. □

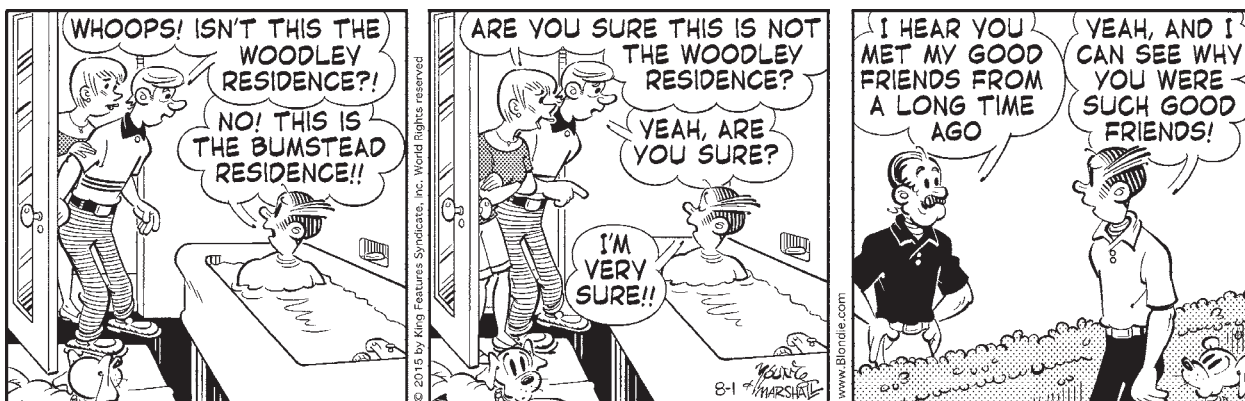
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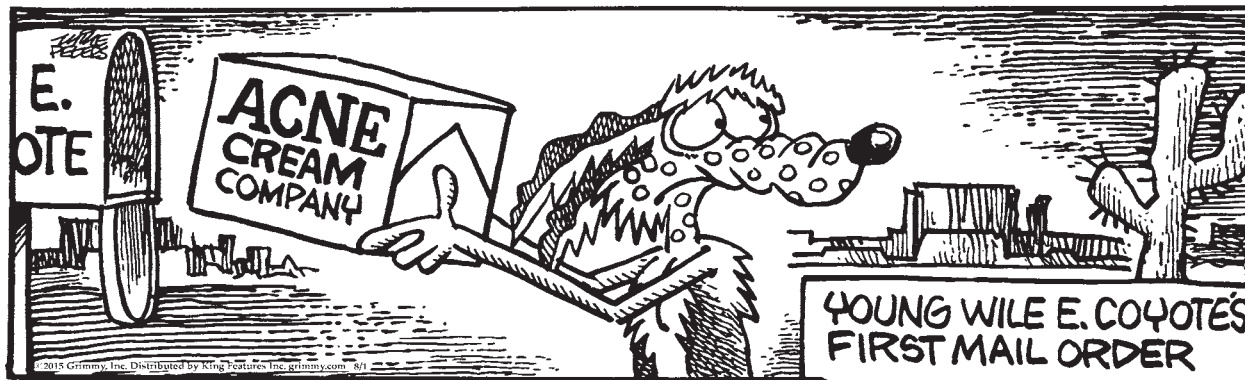
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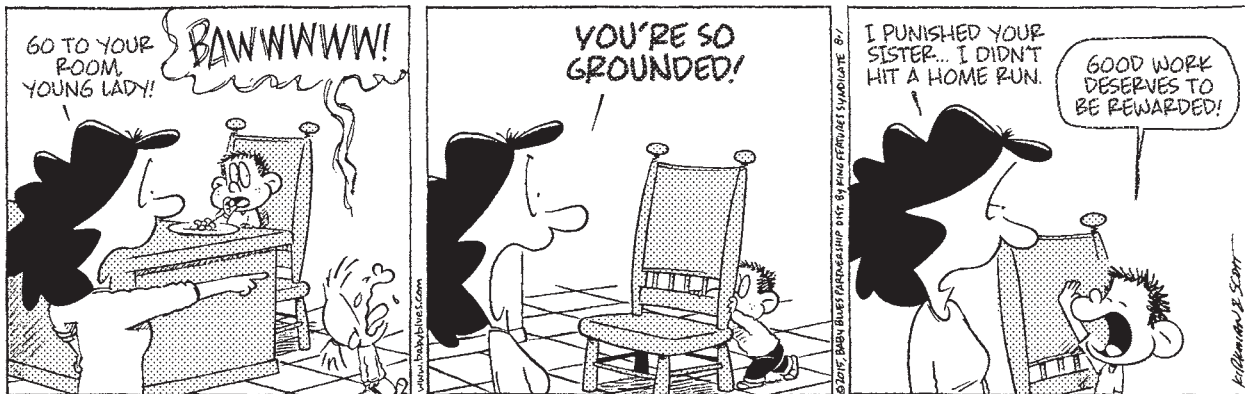
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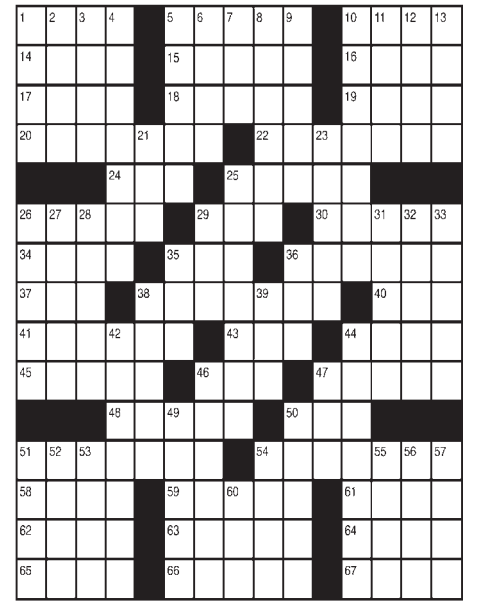
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- 1 Derogatory remark
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- 22 Toiled
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- 26 Stupid
- 29 Taxi alternative
- 30 Approaches
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- 38 In an inflexible manner
- 40 on; apply, as makeup
- 41 Keep
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- 46 Soft wet dirt
- 47 Most terrible
- 48 Lucie's dad and brother
- 50 as a beet
- 51 vision; inability to see clearly
- 54 Interfered
- 58 Suffer defeat
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- 61 Tempt; attract
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- 1 "Trek"
- 2 Gospel writer
- 3 SMU or OSU
- 4 Extended one's subscription
- 5 Bring upon oneself, as a penalty
- 6 Mall event
- 7 "Much About Nothing"
- 8 Bridal paths
- 9 Dairy product
- 10 Like a Brink's truck
- 11 Grizzly, for one
- 12 Pet bird's home
- 13 Went down smoothly
- 21 Certain vote
- 23 Baby rabbit
- 25 Up in arms
- 26 Sneezy or Doc
- 27 Refueling ship
- 28 Piece of china
- 29 Paper sack
- 31 Enthusiasm
- 32 Peruses
- 33 Wooden shoe
- 35 Metal fastener
- 36 Laundry soap
- 38 Equestrian
- 39 "Where I go wrong?"

- 42 Hepburn and Meadows
- 44 Overprotective sort
- 46 Center
- 47 Marry
- 49 Oozes
- 50 Stinks
- 51 Shapeless mass
- 52 Lung section
- 53 Secondhand
- 54 Pay no to; ignore
- 55 Hawaiian feast
- 56 Goes astray
- 57 Fender-bender memento
- 60 Daniel Kim

Hopes high wing flap will shed light on mystery of Flight 370

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SAINT-ANDRE, Reunion (AP)

— Under a microscope and expert eyes, the wing fragment that washed up on the beach of this volcanic island could yield clues not just to its path through the Indian Ocean, but also to what happened to the airplane it belonged to.

Analysts at the French aviation laboratory where the scrap was headed Friday can glean details from metal stress to see what caused the flap to break off, spot explosive or other chemical traces, and study the sea life that made its home on the wing to pinpoint where it came from. French authorities have imposed extraordinary secrecy over the 2-meter (6-foot) long piece of wing, putting it under police protection in the hours before it left the island of Reunion. If the fragment is indeed part of the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, it means the wreckage may have drifted thousands of kilometers (miles) across the Indian Ocean to this French island off the east coast of Africa. Wrapped and loaded as cargo, it was headed to a military aviation laboratory near the city of Toulouse, Europe's aviation hub.

"With a microscope, that can learn details from the torn metal," said Xavier Tytelman, a French aviation safety expert. "You can tell whether a crash was more horizontal or vertical ... You can extrapolate a lot."

John Cox, president and CEO of Safety Operating Systems and a former accident investigator, said minute characteristics of the metal could indicate attitude and vertical speed of the aircraft when it impacted.

"It won't tell you how the plane crashed, but it will be a step in that direction," Cox said.

Barnacles encrusting the wing's edges would be studied for clues to plot the wing's journey through the Indian Ocean, but Tytelman said there could be other microscopic life

clinging to the metal or bottled up inside that could further indicate where the wing traveled.

"It's been 16 months from the crash and everything fits together," said oceanographer Arnold Gordon of Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. "So I think the probability that it's from 370 is pretty high."

The currents from the Indian Ocean flow in a counter-clockwise way that would take a crash from west of Australia to Reunion Island, Gordon said. The amount of barnacles on the debris is consistent with other debris that he's seen in the ocean for more than a year. And it's the right type of plane.

Pictures of the "flaperon" show that it is missing its drive arm, which directed up-down movement — but there appears to be relatively mild damage at the location where the drive arm tore away, said William Waldo, a former U.S. Coast Guard officer and a professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona, who teaches aircraft search and rescue.

"One of the things I guess is a little surprising is how intact the flaperon is," he said. "It argues that it wasn't a very violent impact, which goes along with some of theories that it just ran out of gas and glided down."

The French aviation experts, including a legal expert from the field, will start their inquiry on Wednesday, according to the Paris prosecutor's office. On Monday, an investigating judge will meet with Malaysian authorities and representatives of the French aviation investigative agency, known as the BEA, according to the statement late Friday.

The statement said a shred of suitcase found near the wing fragment would also undergo forensic testing at a Paris-area government lab, and searchers continued Friday to scour the Reunion coastline for other possible debris. □

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The circle of life is closing in on the king of the jungle.

When Minnesota dentist Walter Palmer killed Cecil the lion, the Internet exploded with outrage. But scientists who have studied lions say the big cats have been in big trouble for years.

They've watched the African lion population shrink by more than half since 1980 and dwindle even faster in East Africa, where lions used to be most abundant. They've seen trophy hunting like Palmer's — promoted as a way of raising cash to preserve wildlife populations — fail to live up to its promise. And even more importantly, they've seen lion habitat shrink and many beasts killed by local residents because of conflict with livestock and agriculture.

When humans and lions clash, the king of the jungle usually loses.

"We should be very worried," said Oxford University lion researcher Hans Bauer, who is based in Ethiopia. "The numbers are clear. They are in dramatic decline."

Experts estimate there were about 75,000 African lions in 1980; now there are between 20,000 and 32,000. Last year the United States Fish and Wildlife Service proposed placing African lions on the threatened-but-not-endangered list. On its red list of species in trouble, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature calls the lion "vulnerable," one step away from endangered.

The number of lions in East Africa dropped 59 percent between 1993 and 2014. Lion counts in West Africa fell 66 percent in the same

time period; lions there "are on the brink of extinction, they are desperately rare," said famed Duke University conservation biologist Stuart Pimm.

Only in the southern part of Africa are lions' numbers rising, slightly, because of

cine, it splits the conservation community more than any other factor, Pimm said. Some see it as a way to provide money for conservation — just as duck hunters do in the United States — other see it as ineffectual, too costly and

hunted in specific ways, the practice could be sustainable. His team even published a guide on telling the age of a lion by nose color to help trophy hunters go after lions in a sustainable way.

"It led to me being kicked

boosts the economy. In theory, Bauer said, "there's a lot of habitat in Africa where lions exist because of trophy hunting." While it removes individual lions, "it preserves habitat."

But Bauer added, "it's very often poorly managed as



In this undated photo provided by the Wildlife Conservation Research Unit, Cecil the lion rests in Hwange National Park, in Hwange, Zimbabwe.

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efforts to protect them. And that's where Cecil was shot.

"The reason Cecil was becoming iconic was that it lived in a national park; it lived in protection," Pimm said. He said if hunters can lure out of the park and kill even Cecil — legendary in Zimbabwe, known for his majestic black mane — "it does not bode well" for other lions.

That's why even though hunting isn't the main cause for the lions' de-

even unethical.

"Hunting in Africa is a complex issue," said Pimm. "Kenya does not allow hunting of any kind and Tanzania sets aside more of its land for hunting than it does for ecological parks."

A decade ago, top lion researcher Craig Packer and his team came up with a way to allow limited trophy hunting of lions and not hurt their dwindling numbers. If only certain, older, unattached lions, identifiable by nose color, were

out of Tanzania," said Packer, on the phone from a game preserve in South Africa. "In Africa it's a business. It's very cynical and very corrupt."

Other scientists say his vocal anti-hunting advocacy got him in trouble.

Bauer takes a more nuanced position on trophy hunting. Studies show hunters pay as much as \$50,000 to governments and guides, with some of the money going to conservation while the rest

in the case of Cecil where a lion gets lured out of the habitat. This type of mismanagement happens much more than hits the news."

Bauer and his Oxford colleague Claudio Sillero said as bad as trophy hunting can be — estimates of lions killed each year range from 600 to more than 1,000 — habitat loss and conflicts between lions and locals over livestock and agriculture are bigger problems. □

Mashable man Dan Rather isn't the retiring type

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NEW YORK (AP) — At age 83, Dan Rather is starting over.

The veteran broadcaster has quietly shut down the "Dan Rather Reports" newsmagazine he'd been making since leaving CBS News a decade ago and opened an independent production company, with seed money from AXS-TV founder Mark Cuban in exchange for a series of interviews with entertainers. His "News & Guts" firm is even working on a scripted fiction series.

Rather has also signed on for reporting and analysis at the website Mashable, where his story urging people not to get too wound up about the early stages of the 2016 presidential campaign appeared this week.

Retirement? Not an option. "I love to work," Rather said. "I have my flaws and I've made a lot of mistakes, but I've always loved covering news and I have a passion for covering news. I couldn't see myself not doing it as long as I have my health."

"I'd much rather wear out than rust out," he said.

Rather moves more slowly and speaks more softly than during his days as chief CBS News anchor. A piece of paper with two of Cuban's email addresses sits prominently on his desk; the Internet entrepreneur and Dallas Mavericks owner has been Rather's patron in his post-CBS years.

Although widely unseen, Rather's newsmagazine took on tough topics like underage prostitution, flaws in electronic voting, floating garbage dumps at sea and temporary housing that made many hurricane victims sick. AXS-TV, formerly HDNet, is available in less than half of the nation's TV homes. While far more than when Rather started, the audience is a fraction of CBS' "60 Minutes," where Rather once figured to spend his last working years. The switch to the music-focused AXS-TV meant the newsmaga-



In this Oct. 5, 2011 file photo, former CBS News anchor Dan Rather attends the premiere of "The Ides of March" in New York. Associated Press

zine was out of place.

Rather now hosts "The Big Interview," a format that placed the hard-bitten former White House correspondent with personalities like Emmylou Harris, Trisha Yearwood, Don Rickles, Dolly Parton, Aaron Sorkin, Josh Groban and Weird Al Yankovic for hour-long programs. Interviews with Dwight Yoakam and Bob Weir are upcoming in August.

"We discontinued 'Dan Rather Reports' because 'The Big Interview' was working so well," Cuban said. "Dan is the best in the business and the quality of interviews he is doing is incredible. I wanted more of them."

Watching the courtly Rather interviewing Jack White in Nashville, Tennessee, was a culture shock. Rather dressed down — suit jacket and open-necked shirt — while the natty White was in a suit and tie. One can imagine the White Stripes' "Seven Nation Army" booming from Rather's office as he prepped for the piece. He described White as "one of the great guitar heroes of our time."

Rather kept his questions simple and broad to make the interview appealing to those only generally acquainted with White's work. The musician, who

clearly respected Rather and his background, responded with interesting stories.

If Rather considers the interviews as being beneath his former heights, he doesn't show it.

"This is very meaningful work in that it keeps us in business while we look

around for other things to do," he said. "We also continue looking to find a home to do the kind of work that is deepest within me and deepest within the people here — and that is first-class, quality journalism and deep-digging investigative reporting."

Rather's exit from CBS was

memorably ugly, stemming from his participation in a discredited 2004 story about President George W. Bush's military service. He stood by the story and sued his former employer for breach of contract, a case thrown out by New York courts after many bitter words exchanged and much money spent. With CBS' corporate ownership intact, Rather doesn't expect the relationship to be repaired.

"I would hope so, but I have to emphasize there is no empirical evidence anywhere that I can find that it's likely to happen," he said. "I don't think about it much anymore. It was a long time ago."

How much this drives a man who covered the Kennedy assassination, Watergate, the disputed 2000 election, the 9/11 attacks to continue to prove himself to CBS News, only a psychiatrist would truly know.

Rather said it's too early to reveal specific series that News & Guts is working on, for fear some ideas might be stolen. □

Dwayne Johnson says of Hulk Hogan: 'We've all talked trash'



In this May 26, 2015 file photo, Dwayne Johnson arrives at the premiere of "San Andreas" at the TCL Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles. Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Dwayne Johnson says he was disappointed when he heard about a tape of Hulk Hogan using racial slurs.

Johnson, also a former pro wrestler, told a TV critics' meeting Thursday that the

remarks didn't match his personal history with Hogan, whose real name is Terry Bollea.

"I've known Terry for a lot of years, and my dad helped train him in Florida in the '70s when he was breaking into the busi-

ness. I come from a very long line of lineage of professional wrestlers. I had not known the man to be racist," said Johnson, who was at the meeting to talk about his HBO series, "Ballers." He acknowledged: "We've all talked trash, you know, especially in private. He said what he said, and he's paying the price."

The 61-year-old Hogan has suffered backlash despite apologizing in a statement for using "offensive language."

World Wrestling Entertainment Inc. severed ties with him this week.

Also Thursday, a judge set a March 2016 trial date for a lawsuit brought by Hogan against Gawker Media for releasing a sex tape that contained the comments. □



In this file photo from the 1920s, American writer F. Scott Fitzgerald poses for a portrait. A Associated Press

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NEW YORK (AP) — A year before F. Scott Fitzgerald died of a heart attack, he completed a short story about a hard-drinking writer diagnosed with cardiac disease.

"And as for that current dodge 'No reference to any living character is in-

tended' — no use even trying that," Fitzgerald warns at the start of "Temperature," an 8,000-word piece dated July 1939 that is receiving its publishing debut in the current issue of the literary quarterly *The Strand Magazine*.

Presumed lost for decades, "Temperature" was written while the author known

Long-lost F. Scott Fitzgerald story finally published

for "The Great Gatsby" struggled to find work in the movie business and hoped to revive his fiction career. His screenwriting contract with MGM had expired and twice in 1939 he had been hospitalized because of alcoholism.

"He felt anachronistic and was trying to find a voice that didn't echo with the Jazz Age," Kirk Curnutt, author of "The Cambridge Introduction to F. Scott Fitzgerald," wrote in a recent email. "To this end he experimented with more hardboiled tones and sardonic comedy."

Set in Los Angeles, "Temperature" is an antic story of failure, illness and decline, common themes in Fitzgerald's work. The narrative is consciously cinematic, with such lines as "And at this point, as they say in picture making, the Camera Goes into the House." The protagonist is a 31-year-old writer, Emmet Monsen, whom Fitzgerald describes as "notably photogenic," "slender and darkly handsome." Circling around the self-destructive

Monsen are medical authorities, personal assistants and a Hollywood actress and estranged lover who gets more estranged all the time.

Andrew F. Gulli, managing editor of *The Strand*, came upon the manuscript earlier this year while looking through the rare books and manuscript archive at Fitzgerald's alma mater, Princeton University.

"Fitzgerald ... couldn't help using his satirical abilities to mock everyone from doctors, Hollywood idols and the norms of society," Gulli said of the story. "When we think of Fitzgerald we tend to think of tragic novels he wrote such as 'Gatsby' and 'Tender is the Night,' but 'Temperature' shows that he was equally adept and highly skilled as a short story writer who was able to pen tales of high comedy."

Fitzgerald's stories had run in *Collier's*, *The Saturday Evening Post* and other magazines, but by the late 1930s he no longer had a wide following and was unhappy with his literary

agent, Harold Ober, who in the past had supported him financially. In a letter sent to Ober in August 1939, Fitzgerald writes he was feeling so neglected that on his own he mailed submissions of "Temperature," which was turned down by the *Post*.

"Sending a story direct may be bad policy but one doesn't consider that when one is living on money from a hocked Ford," he told Ober. "I don't have to explain that even though a man has once saved another from drowning, when he refuses to stretch out his arm a second time the victim has to act quickly and desperately to save himself." Curnutt was amazed to learn that a copy of "Temperature" still existed and called the discovery a "great find." Fitzgerald bibliographies list the story (sometimes referred to as "The Women in the House") as unpublished, or, in a 2007 "Critical Companion," as "Lost: mentioned in correspondence but no surviving transcript or manuscript." □

Lynn Anderson, singer of 'Rose Garden,' dies in Nashville

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Lynn Anderson, whose strong, husky voice carried her to the top of the charts with "(I Never Promised You a) Rose Garden," has died. She was 67.

A statement from the family said she passed away at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, on Thursday. Her publicist said the cause of death was cardiac arrest. Anderson first soaked up the national spotlight as a young singer on "The Lawrence Welk Show" between 1967 and 1969. Although she was signed to an independent label, the exposure helped her nab a deal with Columbia Records in Nashville.

"He was absolutely wholesome," she said of Welk in



In this Nov. 10, 2010 file photo, Lynn Anderson attends the 44th Annual Country Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn. Associated Press

a 1987 interview with *The Associated Press*. "He felt country music was coming into its own and deserved to be on national TV. At that time, I was the only one singing country music on national TV every week.

He's one of my heroes and always will be."

And it was "Rose Garden" that sealed her country music legacy, earning her a Grammy and Country Music Association's female vocalist of the year award

in 1971.

"It was popular because it touched on emotions," she told the AP. "It was perfectly timed. It was out just as we came out of the Vietnam years and a lot of people were trying to recover. This song stated that you can make something out of nothing. You take it and go ahead. It fit me well and I'll be proud to be connected to it until I die." She made television appearances with such stars as Lucille Ball, Bing Crosby, John Wayne and Tom Jones and she performed for presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan. She was also in episodes of the TV show "Starsky and Hutch" and in the 1982 TV movie "Country Gold."

Anderson's other hits included, "Rocky Top," "You're My Man," "How

Can I Unlove You," "What a Man, My Man Is" and "Top of the World" (also recorded by the Carpenters). She returned briefly to the country Top 10 with a Gary Morris duet in 1983, "You're Welcome to Tonight."

Country star Reba McEntire lauded her accomplishments Thursday.

"She did so much for the females in country music," McEntire said in a statement. "Always continuing to pave the road for those to follow."

Dolly Parton also said she'd be missed.

"Lynn is blooming on God's Rose Garden now. We will miss her and remember her fondly," Parton said in a statement.

She was born Sept. 26, 1947, in Grand Forks, North Dakota, but raised in Sacramento, California. □

164 skydivers smash head-down world record in Illinois

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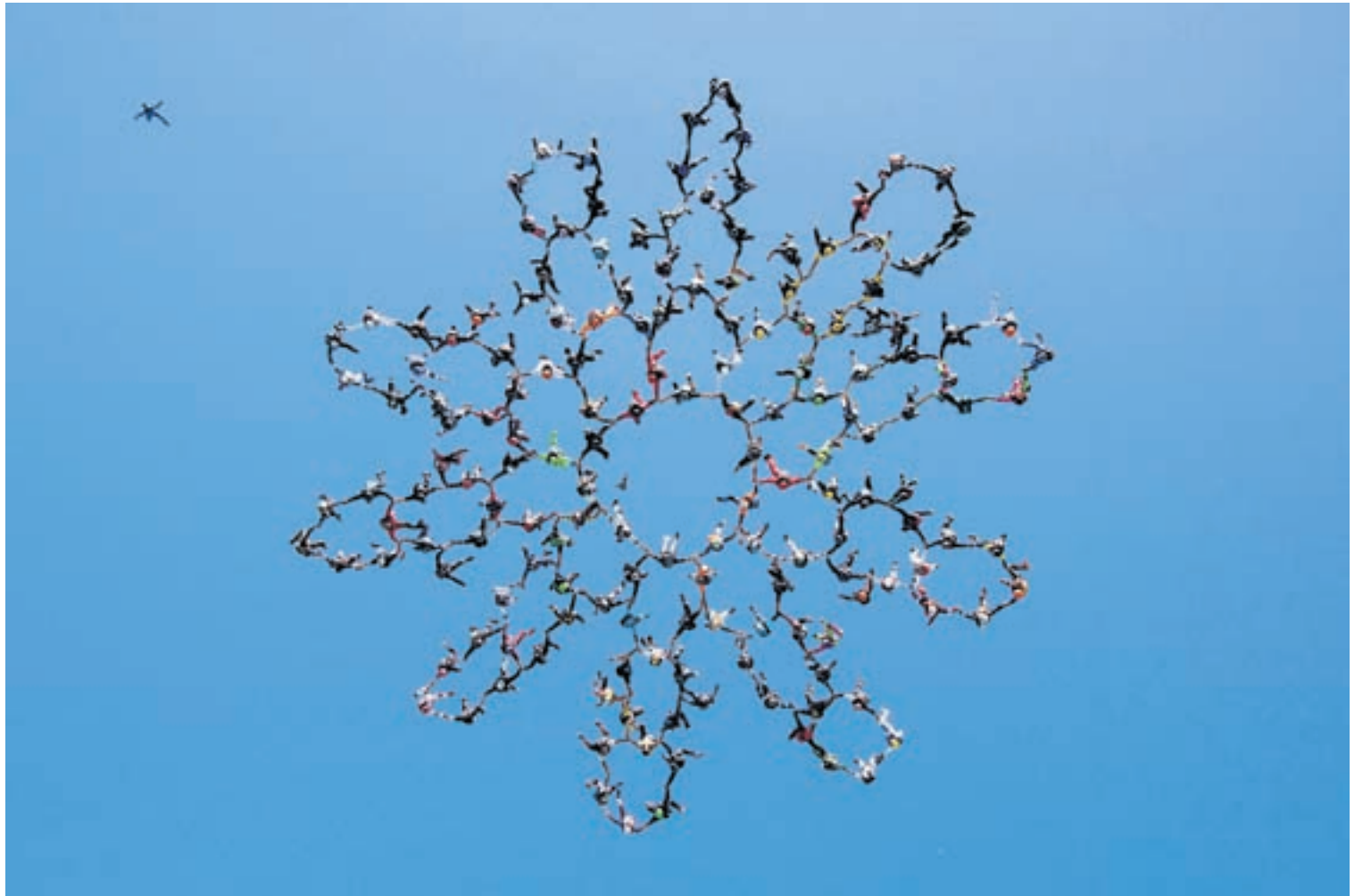
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OTTAWA, Ill. (AP) — Traveling at speeds of up to 240 mph, 164 skydivers flying head-down built the largest ever vertical skydiving formation Friday over central Illinois, smashing the previous record.

It took the international team 13 attempts to beat the 2012 mark set by 138 skydivers. The formation, resembling a giant flower, floated above the rural drop zone in Ottawa for a few seconds before the flyers broke away, deployed their parachutes, and whooped and hollered their way to the ground to the jubilation of spectators.

"It's awesome, man," said Rook Nelson, one of the organizers. "It just goes to show that if you can get the right group of people together and the right support team and good conditions, anything is possible ... even on attempt number 13."

The team was selected after training camps in Spain, Australia and across the U.S. Seven aircraft were flown in precise formation to ensure that the jumpers de-planed at the right place, time and altitude. The record-breaking jumpers exited at 19,700 feet. Skydiving videographers recorded the jump, flying above, below and along-



In this photo provided by Gustavo Cabana, members of an international team of skydivers join hands, flying head-down to build their world record skydiving formation, Friday, July 31, 2015, over Ottawa, Ill. Associated Press

side the formation. The footage enabled judges on the ground to verify the record was achieved above Skydive Chicago, the drop zone and airport about 80 miles southwest of Chicago where the event took place.

Three judges certified by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale — the World Air Sports Federation — studied the video and photos to make sure each

flyer was in a pre-determined slot in the formation and has his or her hand in the correct position.

The record was not without risks.

The skydivers flew at a minimum speed of 160 mph, and some reached speeds as fast as 240 mph. Collision at such speeds can be fatal.

Jumping from such a high altitude brings a risk of hypoxia — a condition aris-



In this photo provided by Jason Peters, members of an international team of skydivers exit a jump plane, flying head-down on their way to building their world record skydiving formation, Friday, July 31, 2015, over Ottawa, Ill. Associated Press



In this photo provided by Jason Peters, members of an international team of skydivers join hands, flying head-down to build their world record skydiving formation, Friday, July 31, 2015, over Ottawa, Ill. Associated Press

ing from a lack of oxygen that can cause unconsciousness and other symptoms — or even death. To reduce the risk of falling sick, jumpers and pilots sucked down pure oxygen once their planes reached 14,000 feet.

And with nearly 170 canopies simultaneously flying in the sky, there's a risk of two parachutists flying into each other.

Still, of approximately 3.2 million sport skydives in the U.S. in 2014, there were 24 fatalities, according to the United States Parachute Association.

Despite the risks, flyers came from as far away as France, Britain, Dubai and Australia — one even spent three days traveling to Chicago from Reunion, off the coast of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean — to participate.

"When (record) jumps work well, it's like there's a certain peace to it all, a certain harmony to it all," said Norman Kent, a longtime skydiving videographer who filmed the jump. "And it's contagious, it's like it's in the air and you can feel it even from a distance as a cameraman." □



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